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Baronial Calendar

June

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| 1 | Capilano Hall Dance
Video class | Veraquilon
Lakeland(A&A) * |
| 4-5 | Serjeants & yeoman | Borealis/
Montengarde |
| 8 | Business
Irish Legends&Lore | Veraquilon
Lakelands(LSV) * |
| 15 | Belly dancing
Costuming/Armouring | Veraquilon
Lakelands(A&A) * |
| 22 | Solstice/Penny Farewell
Rome vs Byzantium | Veraquilon
Lakelands(LSV) * |
| 24-26 | Avacal Championship | Borealis |
| 29 | SCA camping
Tudor History | Veraquilon
Lakelands(M&A) * |

July

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| 6 | Capilano Hall Dance
Video Class | Veraquilon
Lakelands(A&A) * |
| 13 | Business | Veraquilon |
| * LSV - Leasure Sports Village
A&A - Adeline & Alfheim 594-1083
M&A - Mary & Alton 594-5152 | | |

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

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 Tuesday 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 Held every 2nd Monday night, U of A Fine Arts Building room 1-29. Contact Mordecai Salzer (Rick Slansky) at 435-2051 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.

(Front cover is a picture based on "Spring" from "The Four Seasons of the House of Cerruti")

Announcements

- June 18, 1994 - Cavalier Picnic
CANCELED DUE TO ILLNESS

Alphonse De Lorraine 967-4072

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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

- **DANCE PRACTISE** is held in Fine Arts Building Rm 1-29, from 7pm until 10pm. Those wishing more information are requested to contact Mordecai Saltzer at 435-2051. Practise is held on the following dates:
June 13, 26 (Quad at Noon)

- **Archery Practice**, both War and Target, will be held at the residence of Joan the Just, Sunday afternoons from 1 to 5. Call 986-6623 for information and directions.

- **Bids** to host Winter War/95 will be accepted by the Seneschal until SilverWolf

- **Baronial Meeting** will be held at Borealis/Montengarde Serjeants Tourney on Sunday, June 5 at 2pm

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AS ELDRI STRUGGLED
IN THE GRIP OF THE
SPIRITS' POWER, THEY
EXPLAINED THEMSELVES
TO HIM.



GREAT ELDRI,
THE PEOPLE OF
THIS LAND ARE,
LIKE,
DISCONTENTED
WITH THE WARS
BETWEEN THE
KINGDOM AND
THE HERALDS.

THESE CONFLICTS,
LIKE, RAVAGE THE LAND,
DEPRESS THE COMMON FOLK,
AND WIPE OUT
THE PROSPECTS OF
HAVING A QUIET MOMENT
TO ONESELF,
EVEN WHEN HAVING
A REGULAR BOWEL MOVEMENT!



FOR THESE
REASONS, WE
WISH FOR YOU
TO BECOME
OUR CHAMPION...

...ELDRI?



ELDRI THE HERALDSLAYER ©1994 Matthew Kissau

Seneschal's Message
June AS XXVIII

Greetings and Welcome to Spring in Borealis!

There are many things of great importance to pass on to all members of the Society. As many of you will now know, the Board has rescinded the universal "Pay for Play" package, but they have instituted some other changes in it's stead. There will still be a \$10.00 increase in membership fees to all classes of membership. However, Canadians will now qualify for International memberships, which cost \$15.00 US, BUT the DO NOT include a subscription to the Crier. As many of you will know, in order to participate as officers or in high level tournaments, you MUST be receiving the Crier at your place of residence. For International class Family memberships, there will now be a \$40.00 US cap on fees, but again, this does not include a subscription to the Crier.

More importantly, the Board has decreed that all branches of the SCA will now collect a three (\$3.00) dollar surcharge to be paid by all non-members at events. I believe that a suitable form can be supplied for all autocrats to keep track of non-members participating at their event. This surcharge must be sent to the Corporation within 10 days of the event so we will try to have some mechanism in place to make it easier. This surcharge will come into effect as of JUNE 1, 1994, which means Sergeants and Avacal Heavies Championship. Please bring your membership card.

At home, Her Excellency, Baroness Helena, has made it known that she will be officially stepping down at May Crown in Wealdsmere. His Excellency, Sir Rorik, feels that her leaving changes the nature of the agreement between the people and the Baron and Baroness. His Excellency has called for a Vote of Confidence so that he may know if it is the people's will that he remain on as your Baron. Sir Rorik will be seeking a majority of support, 66%, from the eligible voting members of the branch. A suitable date and place for the vote will be decided at the latest, by the next Baronial Meeting.

I wish to remind all officers that reports are due July 1, 1994, with no exceptions. The offices of Baronial Constable and Waterbearer still remain open, please see me or Adelaine for details. The next Baronial meeting is to be held on the Sunday of Sergeants and will begin at 2 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Thank You and Good Luck this Season.

Elizabeth

HL Elizabeth Llandaff

UNOFFICIAL

MINUTES FROM THE SPRING 1994 BOREALIS BARONIAL MEETING SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1994

Meeting called to order at 10:04 AM

Present: Daryl Mahoney, Lisa Townsend, Heather Solomons, Eric von Stackleberg, Karvin Ma, Dean Schieve, Robert Reader, Maxwell Garrison, Shelley Ann Jensen, Stewart Hiar, Gail Hiar, Melanie Cragien, Karin Thirlwell, Ray Hamel, Shawn Thirlwell, Blaine Blington.

Minutes of the November 1993 read by Lisa. Accepted.

Officers reports

A&S- Dean reported on CP A&S; more entries then last year (40+ vs. 29); more entries from Sask. Ithra; A&S classes not as well attended as fighting classes. HRM Jacyntha requesting articles from artisans for Crown Council in May. Spring Faire; no report, so no idea of profit/loss.

Constable-open as of Spring Faire.

Exchequer- no final statement from bank. Silverwolf not cleared up yet, outstanding balance of 24.01. Winter Moose; not cleared up, outstanding documents. New exchequer documents for report of events. Year end report needed by Kingdom (Malcolm). Close outstanding accounts.

Discussion of 10%/10% donations to CP/Kingdom from baronial events. One time annual donation to CP/Kingdom suggested by Karin due to losses; possible loss in future. All events previous to May 1, 1994 will be considered 10%/10% donations. After May 1, 1994, donations will be looked at based on overall year profit/loss rather than each event. [Due to losses of Winter Moose.] This is to avoid giving away money instead of filling hole(s) due to losses.

MC- Fighting seminars not well attended. Baronial fight practices on Sunday often not well attended. What should Barony be doing 'fighting-wise'? Veraquilon fight practices often not well attended. Suggestion of questionnaire to find out what direction fighters want to go. (Stewart). Suggestion to go to CP level so Baronial/ Canton-level not always affected-more sharing-more financially possible. Future fighters brought up based on questions of who was knowledgeable/well-known given by Daryl. Herald- Not present due to Silver Arrow tourney, no submission since last quarter. [March 1994]

Chatelaine-Received job description from Kingdom. Kingdom sees Gold Key as Deputy to Chatelaine. Daryl stated Kingdom directives must be followed; Chatelaine's decision as to how much autonomy is given to Gold Key. Description of Library contents, lending out of books often, demos have been done. Fundraising in the way of Casinos (Klondike Days is coming up-England country this year.) Currently working on dance demo and Multiple Sclerosis upcoming event. Chatelaine now Greater office and not deputy of the Seneschal. Fighters handbook can be copied, too with a one dollar donation to the Kingdom (permission from Kingdom Earl Marshall). Problem with Gold Key at Feast of the

do that job to the utmost of his ability, and would no longer be able to act as the king's servant, but either he did not explain this well enough or Henry ignored his protests. Becket was made Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162.

Thomas resigned the chancellorship and became an ascetic priest, instead of the wild - living courtier. He also fought the King for the right of clergy to be tried only by clerical court.

Becket soon had to flee from the King's wrath, but Pope Alexander, not wanting the conflict to hurt the church, mediated and Becket returned to England.

Back in England, Becket continued to oppose King Henry, excommunicating the Bishops who had performed the coronation of King Henry's son. The coronation of Kings is traditionally done by the Archbishop of Canterbury, but since Becket was out of the country, it was done by the Archbishop of York.

When Henry heard this, he was furious, and in a mad rage he exclaimed "And not one of the cowards I nourish at my table - not one will deliver me from this meddlesome priest".

Four knights took this as an order, and murdered Becket in front of the cathedral altar on December 29, 1170.

King Henry II was forced to do public penance - the first and only royalty ever to do so.

Becket was canonized in 1173.

Clerics continued to be tried before clerical courts. Since anyone who could read and write was presumed to have some connection with the church, it sufficed to be able to read a verse of the Bible to escape the death penalty for murder -it was called "benefit of clergy".

Source: The Shaping of England by Isaac Asimov, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, 1969.

INTERESTING PEOPLE OF THE MIDDLE AGES

by Rowena of Tregalles

SAINT THOMAS a BECKET (1118-1170)

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Thomas Becket is one of the more complex and colourful people of the middle ages, and his story is worthy of a classic epic.

He was the protege of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Theobald, and, as such, was given a good education, but was not noted for scholarship. What was most remarkable about the man was his engaging personality and the ability to make himself liked by all around him. He also took the point of view -which eventually became Henry's downfall - that whatever job he took, he would do it to the utmost of his ability.

Under King Stephen, Theobald was able to gain many concessions for the church, including the right of clergy to only be tried by a clerical court -where the stiffest penalty was to be stripped of church status- instead of the lay courts, where the penalties were much harsher.

Theobald was a key force in the settlement which resulted in Henry II succeeding Stephen as king, and as a result became one of Henry's closest advisors. He was getting old, however, and decided he wanted a loyal servant in the position to help him against a new stubborn young king for the rights of the church. He urged Henry to appoint Becket to the post of chancellor, which would make him second only to the king. This was duly accomplished and Becket became a close friend to the king, advising him, performing his duties with skill and efficiency. To Theobald's surprise, however, he also took the king's side in the matter of legal equality and he fought for uniform justice, lay or clerical.

In 1161, Theobald died and Henry used the same logic as Theobald - he decided he wanted a loyal servant in an important post to support his will.

Becket resisted; as Archbishop he would

Evergreens. Discussion with deputy to see if problem can be solved. Possible rotation of various costumes between Lakeland and Veraquilon.

Chronicler- Paperwork confirmed. Max and Linda baronial chroniclers, and Max listed as Canton chronicler. Subscription rate has risen by 3; currently 45 paid subscriptions, 4 trades, 5 other must be sent out to various people. Could always use more submissions.

Lists- No reports from an events point of view. Searching for manila envelopes for waivers from each event. (After seven years, event envelope can then be destroyed.) Question: Where are the waivers going with applicability. Answer: unknown, currently no one is sure what is now required in AB- Bolden is researching.

Seneschal- Currently 4th largest branch in Kingdom for paid memberships. Need to look at what Kingdom events we wish to participate in to get more Kingdom recognition of who we are. 'Pay for Play' for all members has been rescinded by the BOD. 2 extra branches [arms of the BOD, ed] being created for modern and SCA concerns - in response to demands from Kingdoms. Membership hike is still on. \$10.00 dollar increase on next renewal.

Event Reports

Silverwolf 1993- done

Silverwolf 1994 - date reserved Sept. 17, now on CP calender (same with St. Nicks.), bids will be accepted until May 14, St. Nicholas permanently held in Veraquilon (officially a canton event).

Winter War 1994- Total profit 213.04. For next year something must be done to improve archer's play-time. Bids for 1995 until September 17, Silverwolf.

Provincial Museum- Museum very happy. \$1300 total donation, 12,000 people through the display, workshops a large success, feast well attended. Discussion for next year: how to bring in other branches.[Sask., Vancouver, CP] Museum is talking about taking a more proactive role- saying what they want rather than getting what they get. Merchants on Sunday 2 of 8 made appearance. Donation of money to groups of participation, proposal to donate \$150 each to Montengarde and Bitterend because of large involvement. (\$300 bonus was given by Museum.) The money will be given as a 'thank you' donation, rather than setting a precedent for future museum demos of a percentage share for participation.

Sergeant/Yeoman. Eckville a neutral site due to problems of miscommunication. (Dean).

Lakeland will be holding a Medieval fair on Aug 27/28 - see Stewart, more info pending.

Avacal Champions 1994- No work over winter due to snow, calender reservations sent out, event copies will be out to Seneschals, work parties will be set-up. Written agreement being put-together between owners of site and group.

July Coronation proposal for 1996- Search for sites, bid must be together for Jan 12th night 1995. Kingdom does not want same

site used as Crown [1992, September].

Old Business

There is no outstanding old business since the Wedding Feast.

short recess...resumed at 12:07

New Business

Receipts and Documentation for financial reports. As mentioned earlier, Karvin will make up a copy for events. A package will be made up for autocrats so they know their responsibilities.

Voice mail number for chatelaine's office- not needed at this time.

New purchase of updated copies of Corpora for Seneschal/Chatelaine's offices will be purchased.

Receipts from Shelley for donated napkins, asks for reimbursement, approved.

Baron Rorik asks for vote of Confidence due to Baroness Helena stepping down- will be in near future.

Karvin; concerns regarding officers autonomy.

Proposal for more involvement for baronial officers and others by holding mini-events.

NEXT BARONIAL MEETING: AT SERGEANTS ON SUNDAY AT 2 PM.

IN FUTURE BARONIAL MEETING DATES FOR FUTURE MEETING SET AT THAT MEETING.

Calender 1995

Evergreens Feb 4, 1995.

Sergeants June 3, 1995

Spring Faire, Canton event, will discuss.

Silverwolf Sept. 16, 1995.

St. Nicholas (Canton event) Dec. 2, 1995

Lakeland extra Tier 1 event Nov. 18, 1995.

FREE TRADE. The Royal Tyrrell Museum wants to recreate a Medieval Festival - two days of fun and merriment that will be part of the Dinosaur Empire, a 15-week exhibit featuring a huge display of robotic dinosaurs. We're looking for magicians, jugglers, jousters, court jesters, craftsmen and wandering minstrels to entertain our visitors in true Medieval style on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10.

As a participant in our two-day festival you'll receive free admission for you and a guest to see both the Royal Tyrrell Museum and the Dinosaur Empire. Plus, we can arrange overnight camping.

To find out more, contact Tammy Jensen at the Royal Tyrrell Museum at (403) 823-7707 or 294-1992 (Calgary direct).

Thank you

Marty Hickie
Media Relations
Royal Tyrrell Museum

COOKING GUILD

On Saturday, June 18, 1994, the Guild of the Groaning Board (cooking guild) will be holding a business meeting at 10:30 AM. We will be meeting informally to plan our activities for the upcoming year. Strange breads from the Orient and Ninny's Broth will be served. Not only are newcomers welcome, but we await you with bated breathe. For more information, call Elenora 449-6834 or Erna 449-1593.

Baronies of Borealis and Montengarde
Sergeant's Tourney

When: To be held on June 3,4,5

Where: Site to be announced. Call the Autocrat

Who: All are invited to watch or participate. The more fighters we have on the field, the easier it is to judge the candidates. Royal Rounds will be shot and a Rapier tourney will be included.

What: Camping at the site.
Site opens 6pm Fri. June 3
closes Sun. June 5 approx 5pm
Site fee \$5 for the day or weekend
Provide your own food, BYOB (period containers please)
Pot luck feast Saturday evening
For \$5.00 a head you can arrange for meals which include 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch, providing you phone the autocrat at least 1 week in advance.

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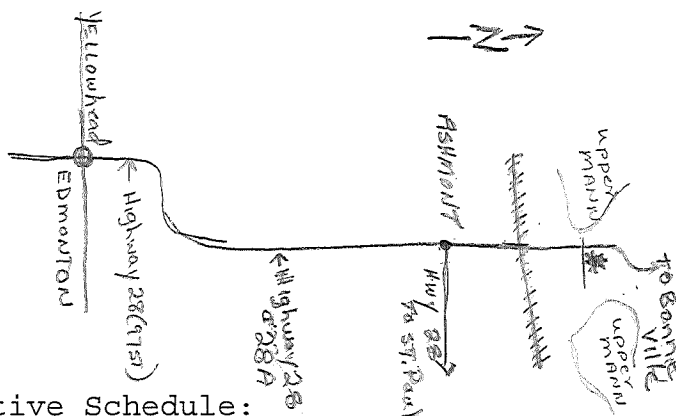
Greetings from the Sergeants of the Barony of Borealis,

There has been a lot of changes in our Barony in the last year. Most recently we have lost our Baroness. We would like to thank Her Excellency Jarla Helena for her guidance and inspiration. One of the questions that we are left with is, what happens to the Sergeants? We have been in contact with Her Majesty Jacyntha and the Kingdom Seneschal. They have advised us that the Sergeantry of Borealis will continue to exist without a Baroness. We will, however, not be able to test and promote anyone to the rank of Yeoman, Sergeant or Gallant. It is our aim to continue to serve the Barony as we have done in the past.



1994 CP Avacal Champions Tourney and War Games

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The CP Avacal Champions Tourney and War Games will be held June 24-27, at Stonewood Castle on Upper Mann Lake in the Barony of Borealis. The Site is about 5 km north of Ashmont on Highway 28 (if you get to the provincial campground, you've gone to far). This is a primitive site, but has a lovely view of the lake, is secluded from the highway, and has a castle on site for ambience. Site fee is \$5/person and a head sized rock. Rocks will be for sale at the Troll booth for a small fee for those who do not wish to transport their own.



Tentative Schedule:

Friday June 24

Noon - Site opens
8pm - ? Soup Kitchen

Sunday June 26

War Games
Closing Court

Saturday June 25

9am - Opening Court
- Armour
Inspection
- Tourney, etc

Monday June 27

Noon - Site closes

There will be a soup kitchen set up Friday evening for those wishing hot food with tea, coffee, and hot chocolate. Cost will be by donation to recover costs.

Heavy Fighters bring your tourney tiles. Champion must be a resident of Avacal. Crown shield Conventions apply. No more than 3 striking surfaces per weapon. No more than 5 striking surfaces on the field.

Light tourney rules similar to previous years.

Merchants and entertainers welcome.

There will be a stone mason class for those gentles interested in learning to build their own stone castle.

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