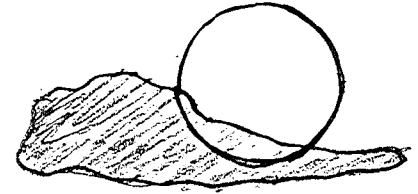


# Aurora

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Baronial Calendar

LESSER OFFICES

October

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(U of A group)

12 Business Veraquilon

15 Myrganwood Anniversary Myrganwood

19 History of Jewelry Veraquilon  
(Cennet)

22 St. Crispin's Feast Veraquilon

22-23 Grand Ithra Montengarde

26 Masks Veraquilon

November

2 Capilano Dance Hall Veraquilon  
(Ladies of the Canton)

9 Business Meeting Veraquilon

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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 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 Group Dance practices are booked for the following dates:

Oct 3, 17, 31 Nov 14, 28  
Dec 12

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.

## Announcements:

### 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**, 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.

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

- **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:  
Oct 3, 17, 31      Nov 14, 28  
Dec 12

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



Unto the People of An Tir.

My journey home from Crown was steeped in introspection. Perhaps it is because I have been in the Society longer than many people have been married or have held a single job. Perhaps it is because I am not sure how willing I am to give this up. Perhaps it is because I am nearing the age where I question everything I do, and am wondering if my energies are well placed.

During the week, I am surrounded by people who are rude and selfish. I work with people who place their own needs above those of their clients and our company. They know what the rules are, and know how far they can manipulate policy and still keep their jobs. They gossip for the power it gives them. They smile at you one moment, then cut you down the next. I come home to neighbors who leave trash on our lawn, who shout obscenities at each other until well after midnight. Unsupervised children challenge cars in the street, ride their bikes through our yard and climb our fences without asking permission.

On weekends, I go to events. I listen to people who are rude and selfish. I watch as people make selective use of the law, and put their personal ambitions above the needs of their friends and households, their Orders and our Society. They cut people down and gossip for the power it gives them. I witness my friends yielding fights in a Crown List because winning is more important to their opponent than it is to them. I hear of peerages that are offered up out of frustration and rage. I return to my camp, and extend hospitality to strangers. They eat my food, take my seat, interrupt my conversations, and leave dirty dishes and trash behind. Our neighbors shout obscenities at each other, and at us when we ask them to stop. Children run through our camp and argue with us when we ask them to leave. I leave feeling that the only difference between the modern world and the medieval world is a change of clothes.

Our King asks us to put the real world aside for the day, but our actions do not support His Words. Our King asks us to stand together, yet our collective actions make His speeches meaningless. What are we? Do we base our respect on title, longevity or contribution, at the expense of common civility? No one deserves uncouth neighbors. No one should have to pick up a stranger's trash, or track down a child's errant parent. No one should be treated poorly or supported falsely because they haven't earned our respect. No one should have to suffer at the expense of the words or actions of another. We deal with enough of that in the modern world already.

I intend to take responsibility for my actions rather than be irresponsible by not acting. I intend to speak up when things are not right, rather than grumble to my friends later. I intend to do my best to uphold the institution of the Crown, because I have carried that burden. I intend to work with groups that share my vision rather than work against those that don't. I intend to put this letter in privies because that is where people seem to be getting most of their information these days. I intend to inspire those who have become disillusioned, because they have done the same for me. I intend to treat others with respect regardless of whether or not they have earned it, because I am not their judge.

These are my intentions. What are yours?

Signed without anonymity  
this seventh day of September A.S. 29

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Greetings unto the Populous of Borealis

We hope that this message finds you in good health, and having fun in the current middle ages! Congratulations are to be extended to Yeoman Mordecai Salzer, Baronial Light Champion, and Albrecht von Rugen, Baronial Heavy Champion. Silverwolf was a great time.

During the event, \$48 was raised for Kingdom by the Bocci tournament, and \$55.76 was raised by the Sunday breakfast, bringing the total to \$103.76. In addition, a profit of \$237.75 was made by the event, which goes directly to the Barony. Thanks to all who supported the fund raising and the event.

We will be attending the Myrganwood Anniversary event on October 15. Should the installation of their new Baron and Baroness take place at this time (rumours have it!), we will be presenting gifts on behalf of the Barony. Should anyone be interested in contributing, please contact us. For those of you who plan on attending, see you there!

Also, Bordergate is hosting a Champion's event on October 29. There will be various contests, and it should be a good time. We will be attending this event also, and encourage others to join us!

On a sadder note, sympathy is extended to Dimitra on the loss of her mother.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for the Barony, please do not hesitate to contact us, (403) 594-1083. We look forward to hearing from you.

Keep having fun!

Alfheim and Adeline

An excerpt from the Unofficial Minutes of the Baronial Meeting September 18, 1994 Canton of the Lakelands.

In attendance: Isolde the Irritating, Joan the Just, Mary of Richmond Hill, Mordecai Salzer, Guy of Alderney, Dimitra of Samarkand, Edward Bolden, Alphonse de Lorraine, Hamish Douglas, Petra the Consistent, Sarah Garrison, Graeme Kennard, Marcus Wynniat, Eadwulf macRuthven, Cennet, Albrecht von Rugen, Derek the Exile, Almarik, Brianna, Alfheim der Wundersman, Adeline von Schwarzwald, Marlyse

Baronial Master of Stable filled by Albrecht von Rugen, Baronial Seneschal position filled by her excellency Helena of Berka.

The following is a discussion concerning the Baronial Status:

The Crown will install Alfheim and Adeline as Baron and Baroness provided two conditions are met:

1. A \$400 donation to the Raven Fund; this is a travel fund available for royalty to use to travel to out-of-kingdom events. It will no longer be accessible to the current Crown, but is available for the Crown Prince and Princess to travel to Estrella, or etc. On an additional note, the Crown indicated that there has not been a donation to Kingdom from the Barony for at least the past five years. The Crown felt that a donation would prove that Borealis can work together, and is willing to support Kingdom. It was moved that the Barony would donate the \$400; 14 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention. It was further moved that the Barony would issue the cheque immediately, and ask that the Cantons fund raise to help cover the

Grande Ithra and Feast in Montengarde

October 22-23, 1994

The Ithra will be held at the Alberta College of Art, 1407 14th Ave N.W. in Calgary.

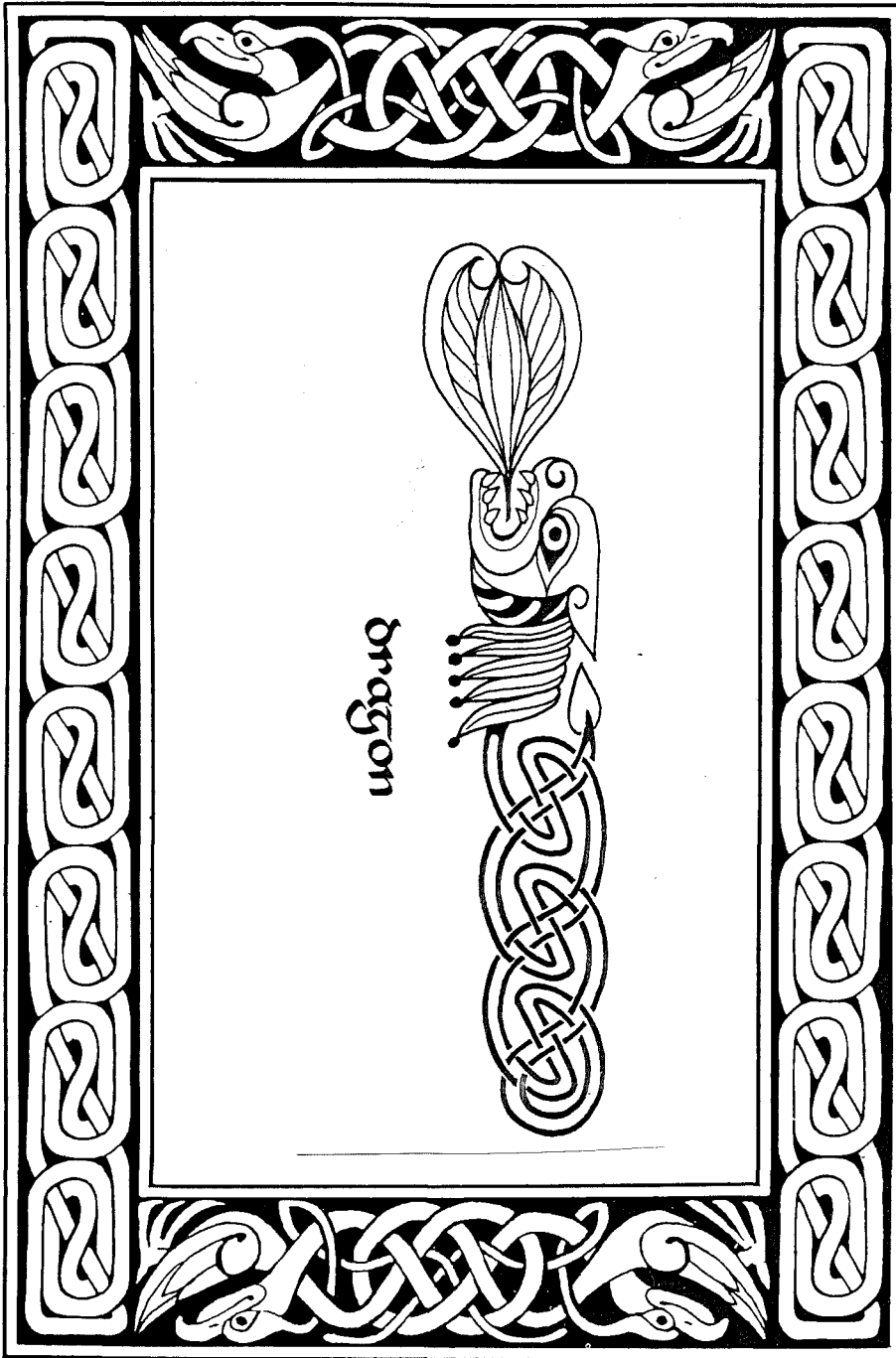
Directions: Take your best route to 16th Ave N.W. Follow it to 14th Street N.W. Take the turn to 14th Street South. Go immediately to the right hand lane and the 14th Street turnoff. Follow the signs to the SAIT/ACA campus. The parking lot to the southeast of ACA is normally the best.

The Feast:

Come to a feast in the Fall/Winter of 1240 at Kiev. Enjoy great food and even better company. Everyone is also invited to take part in the dessert subtlety contest. These will be judged on looks, relevance to the theme and taste (i.e. must be edible.)

Directions: The Feast will be held at **Rosemont Community Hall** at 2807 10th Street N.W. Take 16th Ave N.W. to 10th Street. Turn North and proceed to Confederation Park (approx 6 blocks). The hall is on the west side of 10th on the North side of the Park (just opposite the Dragonslayer Tourney site).

- **Note:** all reservations/fees should be paid to Ithra using the catalogue form.



donation; 16 in favour, 1 against.

2. A show of support for the candidates; it will be shown in the form of a ballot, and moved that it be cast on Wednesday, October 19 in both Veraquilon and Lakeland; 14 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions. It was felt that this would give ample time to inform the populous of the upcoming support poll, by Aurora publication, farspeak, and at meetings. It was moved that the ballot should ask if the voter supports the candidates or not, and why; this would allow for comments by the populous, if they desired to comment; 13 in favour, 2 against. Serjeant Stefan von Lubeke and Serjeant Squire Edward Bolden would collect and tabulate the ballots in Veraquilon, and Squire Matsudasan would collect them in Lakeland, and report the results to Edward and Stefan. It was decided that categories would again include sustaining/international members, Aurora only members, and non-members; Out-of-Barony Serjeants would be eligible to vote. It was moved that, should the show of support be successful, the installation would take place at Yule Feast; 2 in favour, 11 against, 3 abstentions. It was moved that the installation would take place at the convenience of the candidates and the Crown; 16 in favour, 0 against, 4 abstentions.

Full minutes from the meeting will be available in the next Aurora. Contact Edward, Stefan, or Matsuda for clarification concerning the balloting, or Alfheim and Adeline. The next Baronial meeting will be held on the Sunday following the Yule feast.

## Matsuda san's Pre Wake

### The Canton of Lakelands/North Keep/Wolf Keep/Alfheimland????

would like to invite one and all to our annual theme weekend. This year we celebrate the last year of Matsuda Takashi's life. It was prophesied by the forsooth Vic Vikingson that on the Fortieth year a warrior must die in combat to ensure his place in Valhalla. Any warrior older than this must be far too feeble to continue along the path of the sword and axe. To honour such a long-lived warrior and life-long friend, our canton has decided to put the call out to all who know this man to join us in a glorious celebration. The date will be November 19th and the site will be the Alexander community Hall in Alexander, Alberta (a church, a hall and one house). The site opens at 1200hrs the 19th. There will be a prize tourney, to begin at 1400hrs (lets remember the weather possibilities at this time of year), and a marshalling class using the tournament for the practical portion. A feast of epic proportions will begin at 1900hrs. For those who do not mind some noise, the hall is open all night for revelry and sleep space. Crash space in town will be available for those who prefer more quiet surroundings. Please pre-register with the autocrat A.S.A.P. if you require crash space and which days you need it: ex. Fri., Sat., Sun.). The hall is limited to 140 people for the feast so first come, first served. Please see below for prices.

Prices for the weekend:

Site fee            \$5.00  
Feast                \$7.00 (if prepaid by Nov. 9)  
                      \$10.00 (after and at the door if feast space available)

non-members pay an additional 3.00

Breakfast           \$4.00

p.s.            There will be a Hot Tub on site, weather permitting, so don't forget your swim suit.

### Autocrat

Igraine of Hybernia  
Pearlann Gooding  
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Grand Centre, AB  
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(403) 594-5961

You may also register with Alfheim (403) 594-1083

*"WE FEW, WE HAPPY FEW, WE BAND OF BROTHERS;  
FOR HE TO-DAY THAT SHEDS HIS BLOOD WITH ME  
SHALL BE MY BROTHER; BE HE NE'ER SO VILE  
THIS DAY SHALL GENTLE HIS CONDITION:  
AND GENTLEMEN IN ENGLAND NOW A-BED  
SHALL THINK THEMSELVES ACCURS'D THEY WERE NOT  
HERE,  
AND HOLD THEIR MANHOODS CHEAP WHILES ANY  
SPEAKS  
THAT FOUGHT WITH US UPON SAINT CRISPIN'S DAY."*

- Henry V, Shakespeare

On October 22, 1994, Veraquilon will be the site of an historic meeting of France and England. In our very own canton, The Guild of the Groaning Board will present a celebration of St. Crispin Day; in particular Henry V's Battle of Agincourt. Our menu will reflect the outcome of the battle, being a marriage between the great houses of France and England. Be assured that the food will be good and ample.

For the history buffs, camp followers and war mongers amongst you, HL Eleanora fitz John (mundane degree with honours in British Medieval History) will be lecturing on "The Historical Henry V versus Shakespeare's Henry V". Controversy abounds!

During the feast, there will be readings from Shakespeare's *Henry V*. Blood, gratuitous violence, honour, and romance.... what can we say?

In addition, there will be dancing, with our fair Baronial Dance Mistress, HL Catherine of the Rowan Tree, at the fore. At this event we introduce a new venue: the Dessert & Dance Ticket. For \$7.00, join us at 9:00 pm for dessert & join the dancing.

<b>Schedule:</b>	4:30	"The Historical Henry V versus Shakespeare's Henry V" (free)
	6:00	Bar opens
	6:30	Feast begins
	9:00	Dessert & Dance

**Site:** St. Stephen's Anglo-Catholic Church (basement)  
10909 - 96 St.  
Edmonton, AB

**Tickets:** \$15.00, smalls, \$7.50 : Dinner, Dessert & Dance  
\$ 7.00 : Dessert & Dance only

**Deadline for reservations:** October 8, 1994

**For reservations, call Erna (Karin Thirlwell) 449-1593.**