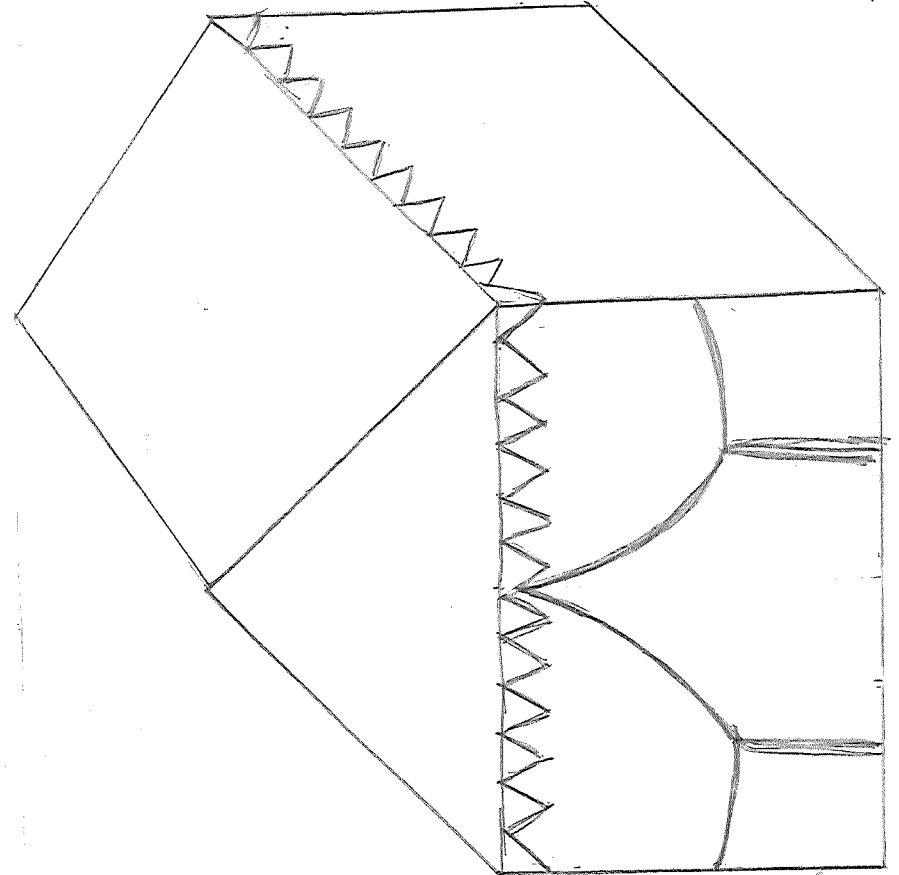


Aurora

August, A.S. XXXI



The Aurora Borealis
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*The Aurora deadline for Event Copy, Art, and Articles is the 15th of every month for printing in the following month's issue.
Please send all submissions to the editor.*

Baronial Calendar

Aug

- 2-4 Avacal Investiture (Myrgan Wood)
- 7 Veraquilon Tavern Nite (Veraquilon)
- 14 Business Meeting (Veraquilon)
- 17-18 Fringe Demo (Veraquilon)
- 24-25 Medieval Art Show (StoneWolf)
- 25 John Janzen Demo (Veraquilon)

- * Stonewolf weekly meetings are held in the Grand Centre Public Library unless otherwise noted.
- * Veraquilon Tavern Nite - Capilano Hall, Business meeting - Rm 3-119 Ed. North, UofA, all other meetings will be in Dinwoodie's, SUB, UofA.

The submission deadline for the September issue of the Aurora is Aug 15th. The publishing and distribution date will be determined by the new editor. The Aurora is available for \$12 per annum 12 issues, pickup or \$14 per annum 12 issues, mailed. All cheques and money orders are to be made payable to:

"ASCA - Barony of Borealis"

Due to the lack of active University students in VerAquilon, we will be unable to book space at the University of Alberta from September onwards.

There are plans to have a membership drive during orientation week in September to recruit UofA members.

If anyone has alternate proposals for weekly meetings, please contact the Seneschal.

OFFICER REPORTING SCHEDULE

Baronial Officer Reports are due:

- February 1 (single reports due from Constable, Chronicler and Exchequer)
- May 1
- August 1
- November 1

Canton: MUST have reports in to Baronial counterparts on the 15th of the month prior to the above due dates. Please include a copy to the Canton Seneschal.

Chronicler:

Will take copies of newsletters as reports. Only requires one formal report (with financial statement) on February 1.

Constable:

Needs one report per year (on February 1) just to know that officer is still there and needs to be warranted, otherwise, just keep in touch.

Exchequer:

Needs a single formal report per year (the year end stuff). Other than that, just keep in touch with changes or problems.

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Canton of Veraquilon

Weekly meetings: First Wednesday of the month will be the Tavern nite at Capilano Hall, the 2nd Wednesday will be the Business meeting in room 3-119 in Ed. North at the UofA, subsequent Monday nights will be Dance, Fighting and other activities in Dimwoodie in the Student Union Building at the UofA.

Fight Practices: Please do not hesitate to contact Otto Gruber @ 468-6763 for more information.

Fence Practices: Call Mercushio @ 986-6623 or Alphonse de Lorraine @ 967-4072.

Dance Practice: Those wishing more information are requested to contact Mordecai Saltzer (Rick Slansky) at 435-2051.

The Groaning Board meets monthly to research and plan for feasts. For more information regarding meeting times and place, phone HL Eleanora fitz John (mka Leeanna Ryan) 449-6834

Canton of Stonewolf

Fight Practices each Tuesday evening, 7:00pm at Assumption High School. Contact Alfheim 594-1083

Classes on various topics take place each Thursday evening, at the Grand Centre Public Library, unless otherwise noted, 7:00pm. See calendar for topics.

Avacal and Area Calender

Aug 3-5	Principality Coronation		
Aug 3-5	Clinton War	Lionsgate	(KT1)
Aug 17-18	Fringe Festival	Veraquilon	
Aug 24-25	Medevil Art Show	Stone Wolf	
Aug 25	Demo - John Jansen Centre	Verquilon	
Aug 30 Sept 2	Crown Tournament	Vulkanfeldt	(KT1)
Sept 13-15	Gryphon's Fury		
Sept 21	Silver Wolf Tourney	Stone Wolf	
Sept 28	Harvest Feast	Bitter End	
Oct 12	Aniversary Event	Myrgan Wood	(AT1)
Nov 23-24	Ferret's Feast	Valley Wold	(AT1)
Nov ?	Theme Feast	Stone Wolf	
Nov 30 Dec 1	Coronet List	Avacal	(AT1)
Dec 7	Jule Feast	Veraquilon	(AT1)

(KT1) = Kingdom Tier 1 (AT1) = Avacal Tier 1
(AT?) = Event within Avacal, Tier unknown at
press time. (AT2) = Avacal Tier 2

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I recently saw "the perfect SCA movie". *The Advocate* is set in 15th century France and is the story of a lawyer who leaves Paris in 1452 to take up the position of Public Defender in a small town.

This film was extremely well researched. It was shot in a preserved medieval village and all the cases shown in the film are based on historical fact and taken from actual court documents preserved in the Law Archives. The main character, Richard Cortois, was a real person and when he returned to Paris became quite famous - he was considered to be the greatest French criminal lawyer of his century.

The detailed research that went into making *The Advocate* gives a fascinating look at life in the 15th century. It displays religion, food, travel, drama and the lifestyle of the Three Estates. If you are interested in architecture and housing, you will see everything from hovels, bath houses, inns and taverns to churches, the law courts and castles. Little details make the film: furnishings or rather lack of them, levels of personal hygiene, animals living in the houses and roaming through the streets. There is poverty, filth and disease side by side with great wealth, learning and beauty. By following *The Advocate* through his daily life and work, we are given an insight into everyday life in the Middle Ages.

I really recommend this film if you are interested in medieval France. If you would like to see it, call me (Eleanora) at (403) 449-6834

*Fall has fallen and the grass is dead
but don't move ahead with feet of lead.
Come Lord so brave and Maiden so fair
at the request of Borealis's noble pair.
Baronial champions of Sword and Bow
we seek fighter, light and heavy, high and low.
Attend us we say at Cherry Grove;
become our Champion and share our treasure trove.
Eat heartily, drink mightily and revel loud and long,
then your friends and family to our feast will throng.*

Silver Wolf, Borealis Champions tourney
September 21. In the Canton of Stone Wolf.

Site opens 1100 hrs Sat

Cost.... \$13 adult feast and site fee
 \$8 13-17 years
 \$0 12-under
 \$5 site fee only

Location. Cherry Grove AB.

Directions:

From Edmonton and WestTake Hwy #28 towards Grand Centre. Turn East (right) on Hwy #55 2 miles before G.C. Travel 8 km or 10 to 15 minutes & follow the signs.

From the East.... Take your best route to Hwy #55. Cherry grove is about 2 km over the AB/SK border.

Crash space is available (first come first served) Please register for the feast by the 10th of Sept.

Autocrat: Graham MKA Ian Hyde (403) 826-6871

You may also register by E-Mailing myself
(ghiar@sas.ab.ca)

In service to the Society
Alfheim

FRINGE DEMO

Unto the Fair Gentles of the Barony of Borealis does Alys Sylfreloc of AElesmera send greetings.

I am autocrating this year's Fringe Demo and I need your help. The Demo will run on August 17 and 18 at the King Edward Park, just east of the railway tracks, across from the Yardbird Suite.

I would like to make this year's demo a great success. I need dancers, musicians, and fighters (all periods). As we did last year, I would like to have displays of costuming, illumination, jewelry, archery, arts and sciences, food, etc., etc., etc.

I need volunteers to help with these displays. Are you willing to show your skills in the arts and sciences?, in dancing, fighting, or anything else that is period.

I need sunshades and a change tent. As well, is anyone willing to stay on site overnight.

Please call me at 437-2703 or e-mail me at pat.routledge@ualberta.ca.

If you are willing to help, please be at the park by 11:00 each morning, so we may be ready to start by noon.

Thank you so much.

Alys

2: The banner must have a rectangle shape and have a 3 inch slide loop or loops on both top and bottom.

3: The banner must be to us by the first week of Nov or it's not eligible in the contest.

4: Material is up to the maker, fabric paint, cloth, jewels etc. GO NUT'S.

Let's show off our Barony and both Cantons. Anybody or group interested in doing the Baronial (banner, that is) please contact the Baroness or myself.

Please all groups get into the spirit and get started right away, this if no one guessed is also a way to help in the pageantry of the event and disguise indoor facilities. Let your group be seen as part of this most glorious Principality.

In service to the Society
Alfheim

Greetings to the Populace of our Barony

As many of you have heard, our Barony has been given the bid for the second Cornet tourney. I'm writing this letter to bring everyone up to speed on this issue.

First a little history; a couple months ago the northern Canton approached the Baroness and myself and asked if they could put in a bid for the Nov Cornet tourney. I told them to go for it and they did. When I was approached by the Tanist that the bid was accepted, I decided that there was too much split recognition between the two Cantons and asked it to be announced as Borealis. Now there is a job to do and that is to put on the best damn event that anyone has ever been to.

Anyone interested in doing something or helping organize anything is welcome to contact myself at 594-1083. If you don't feel like being involved that is fine; Stonewolf had planned on doing this by themselves and they can. If you're not sure what you can do or help organize, think of what you like to do and contact me.

Greetings Avacal

As one Cornet ends the plans for the next begin. The November Cornet will be held this year by the Barony of Borealis in the Canton of Stonewolf. The Baroness and I will be holding a contest for the best group banner. Being extremely out of character, I'm giving a lot of time for people to get ready for this contest because of the regulations surrounding this contest. Here are the rules,

1: The banner must measure 4' wide x 8' high.
(measuring tapes will not be used for mere cm's)

Demo

Sunday, August 25, 1996

John Janzen Nature Centre (by Fort Edmonton)

Time: 4 - 8 pm

Needed: Fighters
Dancers
Musicians
Fencers
Merchants
Demonstrations of Spinning/weaving
Herbalism etc.

Contact: Gwynnaeth (Marsha) 478-1505

Hand made *Renaissance Lute*

with wooden case

Made by Michael Schreiner

\$950 obo

Contact Linda Hudelson
31 Wren Crescent
Sherwood Park, AB T8A 0G4
(403) 464-2379

Greetings from Alfheim & Adeline, Baron & Baroness of Borealis.

Congratulations to His Grace Rorik and Her Excellency Gwendolyn, his inspiration, on their appointment to Tanist and Tanista of the Principality of Avacal. We would also like to thank all of the people who contributed to making 3YC a very enjoyable event. For the gifts we received we would like to thank:

Cennet ap Llangollen
Gawin ap Gawin
Igraine of Hybernia
Dirk the Gentle
Rowan the Bard
Valgard af hus Vendrer (small note from Valgard: Edwina of Loxley helped make the mead)
Populace of Stone Wolf

For helping around the camp and raking hay.
Douglas Cameron of Sky
Valgard af hus Vendrer
Derik the Exile
Populace of Myrganwood

A special thanks to Marlise (the grumpy), just joking Marlise, and Derik the exile For their ten days of hard work for Her Excellency and Myself. If you think a weekend of retinue duty is hard try a week and a half. Finally, thank you to all the others who helped out, we really appreciated it.

Do not forget about the Medieval Art show that the Canton of Stone Wolf will be hosting on the 24th 25th of Aug, please contact Igraine at (403) 594-5961.

In service to the Society.
Alfheim

agreed to in advance. Roxanne will not fill out any paperwork that day other than a final sign up for the List.

-You can send in your photocopies of membership cards any time from now (July 2) to November 22. If I already have a copy of a card that expires after the November coronet, I only need to know you intend to enter, or be fought for. If you showed me a registry receipt, I'll need to see your membership card when it arrives, or a copy. Why wait till the last minute and have to rely on express mail or fax?

-Every fighter should provide a permanent shield tile for lists or be carrying a spare shield tile for that day's list. Montengarde and Borealis Mistresses of the Lists sell blank tiles and artistic services at reasonable prices

-No proof, no fighting, no exceptions.

The previous message is brought to you as a public service announcement on behalf of Master Ragnar the Bold, Seneschal of Avacal

AVACAL CORONET MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

This entire article is for as wide a distribution as possible. I would like it to be printed in all branch newsletters as often as they have the space. It can be posted on line in any appropriate forum, printed on leaflets, or anything else that will get it to all the fighters and possible consorts.

At Crown, membership is checked on the day of the event, and it's a hellish job. By checking the paperwork in advance we can clear up problems and free up time at the event. To some extent it worked at Coronet. Several people contacted me in advance about a possible problem, and all of them were ok for the day of the tourney. I'm very sorry that two people did not have their membership information in order, and could not enter the Coronet List. I don't want this to happen again. One membership was faxed in Monday June 24, and received confirmation back on Friday June 28. Don't count it happening this quickly, but it absolutely should happen within 2 months, at most. If you can't get satisfactory customer service from the registry, let me know and I'll go to bat for you. There is no excuse for a membership to be in limbo for months. The essential facts are:

- The only person responsible for having your membership information, fighting authorization, and waiver, in order is you.

- The fighter and the consort must be a member on the day of the tourney, and the fighter must already be authorized.

- You are a member as soon as the registry processes your form and accepts your money. They do this every working day of the month, although the cards are printed when the books close at month end. The only acceptable proof of membership is generated by the registry with an expiry date after the tourney, such as a membership card, Crier or TI newsletter label, or a stamped receipt. In unusual circumstances I would accept such proof of payment as a credit card statement or a cancelled cheque as long as I knew about the problem in advance. I can do a great deal to help fix a membership problem if I know about it at least a few weeks in advance; I can do nothing on the day of the tourney.

- I will not check any memberships at Coronet unless

Lammas Day

The Groaning Board would like to announce that we will be hosting the August tavern and we invite one and all to celebrate Lammas Day with us.

Lammas Day was observed on August 1. It was originally a pagan harvest festival where the first of the new season's grain was cut, baked into loaves and offered to the goddess. The Tan Hill Festival follows six days after Lammas and honored the Celtic holy fire of Tan (or Teinne). We will be using grain and fire to bake Lammas Day delights for you.

The Christians incorporated Lammas into church festivals and continued the custom of presenting the first loaves of the new harvest - but they were blessed by the village priest instead of being presented to the goddess.

Many elements of paganism remained with Lammas Day. It was the time for fortune telling and predicting marriages and also for "trying out" marriage partners. Lammas Day fairs lasted 10 to 12 days, so two people could follow the custom of a "trial marriage" lasting the length of the Fair to see if they suited each other. When the Fair was over they had to decide whether or not they wanted the marriage formalized - if not, the couple could part.

Many traditional foods were served at this time which celebrated the bounty of the harvest and we would like to offer some of them to the patrons of the tavern. Dishes that combined meat and grain, such as meat pies, or stews with grain or barley was customary. So were fruit or berry tarts,

fruit puddings or gingerbread served with peaches and cream. And of course, we will have a Lammas Loaf.

Come to the August tavern and enjoy the fresh food of the summer season.

Unto the populace of Borealis
Greetings

This is the last issue of the newsletter we will be doing. After this it will be produced by Freydis the Far-Travelled (mka Tracy Jartrat).

We have loved doing this for the Barony and are willing to do so again in the future if needed. Please direct all future correspondence to Tracy. Anything that we get will be turned over to her.

Yours in service

Valgard af hus Vendrer & Edwina of
Loxley

The site opens at 12pm on Friday, September 13, and closes at 3pm on Sunday, September 15th. Site fee for Griffin's Fury II is \$5.00 U.S./ \$7.00 Canadian. Please make checks payable to "Barony of Sentinels' Keep, SCA Inc."

DIRECTIONS: Take your best route to Helena, MT (on Interstate 15) and take Helena Exit 193. Proceed east from the exit to the stoplights at Washington St. Turn LEFT (North) and follow Washington Street to a T-intersection; turn RIGHT onto Custer. When you reach a Y-intersection, take the York road (left fork) and follow this road for approximately 20 miles through the town of York (no pillaging please!), and continue on until you reach Vigilante Campground.

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GRIFFIN'S FURY II

September 13-15, 1996 near Helena, MT

We had SO much fun last year with our northern cousins from Avacal that we've decided to do it all again! Join the Barony of Sentinels' Keep and the Incipient Shire of Castelleone as they host the Principality of Avacal for this 2nd Annual Griffin's Fury.

Once again we will gather in friendship for 2 days of combat (in the trees, in the ravine, in the trees again), reveling, and the great SCA pastime, story fabrication and enhancement. On Saturday night, there will be a Principality mixer in the Sentinels' Keep Baronial pavillion at 9 pm. The site is WET so you know the mixer will be very wet! Please feel free to bring munchies as liquid refreshments will be provided.

The site will once again be the beautiful Vigilante Campground near Helena, Montana. Vigilante Campground boasts wonderful campsites with lots of shade, firepits, and a pump with cool mountain water (tested regularly by the Forest Service). Fires are allowed in the fire pits only and tiki torches may or may not be allowed; depending on the fire season. Pets are allowed but must be leashed. There is a small stream near the campground and lots of rugged terrain so parents are advised to carefully monitor their children at all times! There will be a soup kitchen available Friday night for a nominal fee. A small general store is a mere 10 miles from site, as well as larger markets 20 miles back in Helena.

Dance practice

Wed Aug 7 (tavern)

Mon Aug 12,19

- **Archery Practice** at the residence of Joan the Just. Call (403) 986-6623 for schedule and directions.

Pavalion: Display your device on the Baronial pavalion, cloth applique or fabric paint (weather proof), on a triangle dag, dimensions: 8.5" x 9.25" x 9.25". Cost \$5, proceeds to Barony. See Baroness Adelaine or Alys Sylfrloc.

- **Calling all Armchair Adventurers** for a Tuesday Evenings game of *Chivalry and Sorcery*. Just think of *D&D* with a real Medieval twist. Alphonse de Lorraine (403) 967-4072