

*Valgard of Hus Vender*

# THE AURORA

April, AS XXXI  
(1997)



## AVACAL AND AREA CALENDAR

<b>March 27</b>	Londonderry Library Demo (Edmonton, AB)
<b>April 12</b>	Spring Faire, Canton of VerAquilon (Edmonton, AB)
<b>April 12</b>	Beltaine Tournament & Pyrate Tavern, Barony of Montengarde (Calgary, AB)
<b>April 19</b>	Avacal Coronet Council/Silver Arrow, Bitter End (Red Deer, AB)
<b>May 29 - 30</b>	Strathcona County 35th Birthday Celebration Medieval Days (Strathcona County, AB)
<b>August 24</b>	John Janzen Nature Centre Demo (Edmonton, AB)
<b>Spring 1998</b>	Barony of Borealis - Museum Demo

## STANDING BARONIAL CALENDARS

### **Canton of Stonewolf (Cold Lake, Grand Centre and Area)**

Weekly topic meetings are held every Thursday at 1900 hrs in the Grand Centre Library. The fighter practices are held weekly every Tuesday at 1930 hrs in the Assumption School also in Grand Centre.

### **Canton of VerAquilon (Edmonton and Area)**

Dancing Practice is held every other week alongside the weekly Tuesday Fighter Practice in the Holyrood School Gym located at 7920 - 94 Ave. Meetings there start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and end exactly at 9:30 p.m.

Business meetings happen on the second Wednesday of the month at the University of Alberta in the Education North Building, Room 3-119.

Monthly Tavern Nights are held on the first Wednesday of every month, starting at 8 p.m. in the Capilano Community League Hall located at 10810 - 54 Street.

## BULLETIN BOARD

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### **Italian Renaissance Masked Ball**

Congratulations to Bronwin the Mischievous on winning a Smerilli game board and embroidered game bag (donated by Morgan of Devonview) for the "Best Mask" competition at the March 8, 1997 Italian Renaissance Masked Ball. For the evening she was known as Lord Fox. Until the unmasking she was quite disconcerting to some.

Congratulations to Valgard af Hus Vendrer on his being awarded a spoon from the Groaning Board for his continuous support of the guild.

Congratulations to Arianrhod the Laughing on winning the door prize of two silver goblets, donated by Leanna Ryan.

The Evening was a great success, and as expected the Groaning Board outdid themselves with a menu fit for kings. There was dancing, singing and good cheer amongst the revelers. Thank you to all the members of the Groaning Board for all the time spent on research, preparation and presentation of a most succulent feast.

### **Submissions**

The staff of the Aurora would like submissions for a future article "Now and Then". The article be autobiographic and will feature area members and their device. We will print articles as they come in so current rank in the Society will not be used for a place in the queue.

Cover illustration: HL Freydis the Far-Travelled

## THEIR HIGHNESSES OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF AVACAL

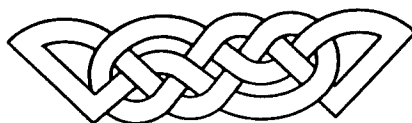
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**PRINCESS** Lady Ceridwynn of Abergavenny (Ceri Lepage)  
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Please do not call any of these Good Gentles after 9:30 pm local time.



Submission Deadline:

15th of every the month.

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## Canton of VerAquilon Calendar of Events

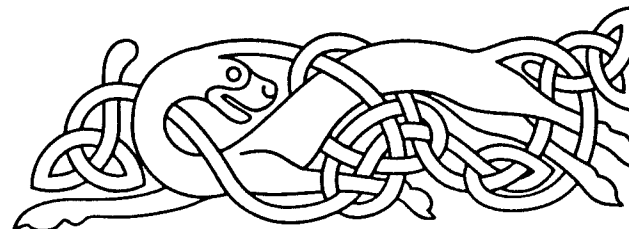
### April

Tuesday 1	No Fighter/Dance Practice	
Wednesday 2	Tavern, April Fools	(Capilano, Edmonton)
Tuesday 8	Fighter/Dance Practice	(Holyrood School)
Wednesday 9	Business	(U of A, Edmonton)
Saturday 12	Spring Fair	(Glen Park Hall, Edm.)
Tuesday 15	Fighter/Dance Practice	(Holyrood School)
Tuesday 22	Fighter	(Holyrood School)
Sunday 27	A & S - Paper Making 1 - 4 p.m.	(TBA, Edmonton)
Tuesday 29	Fighter/Dance Practice	(Holyrood School)

### May

Tuesday 6	Fighter Practice	(Holyrood School)
Wednesday 7	Tavern, Bardic	(Capilano, Edmonton)
Tuesday 13	Fighter/Dance Practice	(Holyrood School)
Wednesday 14	Business	(U of A, Edmonton)
Tuesday 20	Fighter Practice	(Holyrood School)
Tuesday 27	Fighter/Dance Practice	(Holyrood School)
Thursday 29	Strathcona County 35th Birthday Celebration Medieval days - Premiers Luncheon	(TBA)
Friday 30	S.C. Medieval Days - Feast	(TBA)
Saturday 31	Sherwood Park Parade	(TBA)

Fighters and Dancers attending the practices at Holyrood School are asked to bring a spare pair of clean shoes to wear in the gym so the floor doesn't get marked. We have a very good and cheap place to be and we don't want to lose the use of this practice space.



## LONDONDERRY LIBRARY DEMO

**Date:** Thursday, March 27, 1997  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Londonderry Mall  
**Group:** 8 - 12 year olds  
Theme - Camelot: Readers of the Round Table

The library has requested an information/question and answer session. We require costumes, pictures, examples of artistic work, dance and a fighter for display only (space limited).

For further information please call Cailleach Aine (Christine Berge) at 461-1110.

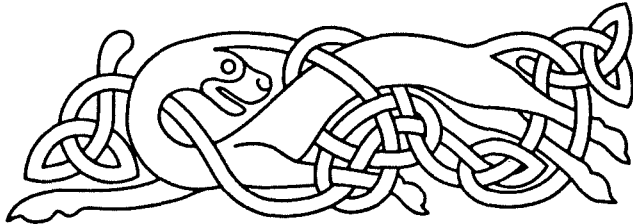
**JAMES ANDREW READER AND KATHY GRACE SCHENDEL** would like to announce their upcoming wedding on Saturday, May 31, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to the ceremony and dance.

The ceremony will be held at the Reader acreage weather permitting. The Alternate ceremony site is Millwoods Mennonite Brethern Church at 3303 - 37 Street.

The dance will be held at the Thorsby Community Centre after 8:30 p.m.

This is a "Mundane" wedding; please dress in modern attire.

If you have any questions please call Joan Reader at 986-6623.



## OFFICERS OF THE CANTON OF VERAQUILON

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<b>WATER BEARER</b>	Vacant
<b>CHIURGEN</b>	Vacant

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## SENECHALS OF THE BARONIAL CANTONS

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### STONEWOLF

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## SPRING FAIRE

### ARTS AND SCIENCES PENTATHLON

**April 12, 1997**

Come one, come all to the Spring Faire in the bonny Barony of Borealis. come show off your finest works in the Arts and Sciences Pentathlon.

**Location:** From Calgary Trail turn west on the Glen Park overpass (located just south of Leduc) and take Glen Park Road. The hall is 20km from the highway. There will be signs along the road.

**Time:** Site opens at 11:00 a.m.  
Feast commences at 7:00 p.m.

**Cost:** Potluck fee - \$6.00 per person  
Site fee only - \$4.00 per person

**Autocrat:** AEthelestan of Carlisle (Shane Foster)  
481-0933

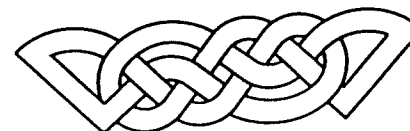
e-mail: sorcerer@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

### NOTES:

Donations for A & S awards are being accepted by HL Cennet a Llangollen (Ken Reader) at 986-6623. Sponsors will be listed under "Patron of the Arts".

All categories are open to children and will be judged separately from the adult entries.

For information on Rules and Categories please see March edition of "The Aurora" or call AEthelestan at 481-0933.



## BELTAINE TOURNEY and PYRATE TAVERN

April 12, 1997

**Location:** The Barony of Montengarde  
Bow Waters Canoe Club  
1975 - 26th Street, S.E.  
Calgary, Alberta

**Schedule:** 11:00 Armour Inspection of Heavy Tournament  
12:00 Beltaine Tournament begins  
2:00 Hall opens  
4:00 Armour Inspection for Rapier Tournament  
4:30 Rapier Tournament

**Cost:** Site Fee - \$6.00  
Tavern Fair - \$1.00 - \$10.00  
(Coins preferred)

**Autocrat:** Beltaine:  
Baroness Sapphira of Sherwood  
277 - 0740

Tavern:  
Pirate Queen Michelle  
277 - 0740

Montengarde Docks presents: "The Middle Ages, not as they were but as Cecil B. DeMille said they should be!" Yes this is the come-as-your-favourite-Hollywood-stereotype PYRATE TAVERN! From Errol Flynn wanna be's to extras from central casting that steal the show!

"It was high revelry and steamy debauch in the Keelhaulers' Lounge, the big back room of the Foundered Squid in the pirate hell of Libertatia. Here all that was gaudiest, bawdiest and most abandoned in the pirate community gathered to riot nightly in the traditional fashion which you've seen scores of times: raffish ruffians staggering about with pint-pots, their hairy arms round bedizened trulls in big earrings and ragged off-the-shoulder finery; a wild gypsy wench with a tambourine dancing a fiery fandango on the table, while roaring bullies pound brawny fists in applause and discriminating diners hurriedly withdraw their plates from beneath her stamping heels; drink and doubloons are scattered broadcast, drunks litter the floor, bursts of obscene song echo 'gainst blackened rafters and all in all it's absolute hell to stage and even worse to clean up afterwards." ( A direct steal from George MacDonald Fraser's, "Pyrates".)

## OFFICERS OF THE BARONY OF BOREALIS (Area Code - 403 - applies to all Alberta long-distance numbers)

**BARON** Alfheim der Wundersman (Stewart Hiar)  
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**MINISTER OF ARTS & SCIENCES** HL Cennet ap Llangollen (Ken Reader)  
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# Baronial Regalia Purchased:

Travel Thrones	250.00 (\$83.34 donated from each branch)
Baronial Cloaks	254.70

# Equipment Purchased:

Canton of Stonewolf CD Player & Tapes	350.00 (approx.)
Canton of VerAquilon CD Player	319.00
Iron Key Armour	70.00

# Donations to Avacal and to AnTir:

Avacal Regalia	95.38 (from Baronial Taverns)
Avacal Travel Fund	300.00 (\$100 donated from each branch)
Avacal Fighting Tabards	47.28 (from VerAquilon)
Cloak Pins	150.00 (gifts to visiting Royals at 3YC)

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

## FOR THE

ALBERTA SOCIETY OF CREATIVE ANACHRONISM (1995)

## FOR THE PERIOD

JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1996

## Opening balance as at January 1, 1996

Borealis	5,464.66	
Stonewolf	1,335.52	
VerAquilon	1,576.69	
Bitter End	834.04	
		9,210.91

## Total Revenue

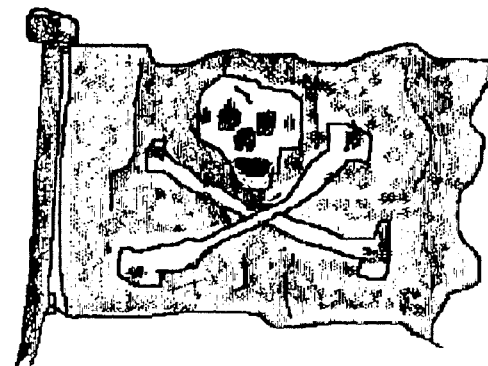
Borealis	2508.20	
Stonewolf	7,217.41	
VerAquilon	3,621.60	
Bitter End	1,330.02	
		14,667.23

## Total Expenditure

Borealis	3,416.73	
Stonewolf	7,666.64	
VerAquilon	3,849.98	
Bitter End	1,212.48	
		16,145.83

## Closing Balance as at December 31, 1996

Borealis	4,556.13	
Stonewolf	886.29	
VerAquilon	1,348.31	
Bitter End	951.58	
		<u>7,742.31</u>



Aye, split and sink me, there be a bottle o' Highland scotch fer the las survivor o' the rapier tourney. Yarrgh, there be prizes too, for the one who can tell us all o' the eighth deadly sin, we bein' bored with the first seven, damme for a handspike else! Mind to bring yer boffer knives, swords, plates and such like if ye want to survive the even'.



# AVACAL CORONET COUNCIL/SILVER ARROW

April 19, 1997

**Location:** Bitter End

The Spring Archery Tournament will be held April 19, 1997. All Avacal archers should gather in Bitter End to compete for the traditional silver ingots. Shoot starts at 10:00 a.m. Archers should bring at least six war arrows as we may do an Agincourt run.

Feast site is located at 85 Boyce Street. The site is wet and beer will be served. Avacal Coronet Council will be held during the day. Tentative schedule as follows:

Noble Estate: 11:00 a.m.  
Peerage: 1:00 p.m.  
Curia: 4:00 p.m.  
Feast: 7:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$15.00 before April 1, 1997  
\$25.00 after April 1, 1997  
Site Fee - contact autocrat

**Autocrat:** Katerina de Navarra (Jaqueline Lenton)  
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Red Deer, Alberta  
T4N 5R2

e-mail: gdshore@agt.net



## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE ASCA BARONY OF BOREALIS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1996

Bank Statement	5,246.08
Chronicler's Petty Cash Fund	218.58
Outstanding Expenditures	0.00

Total Funds Available	<u>5,464.66</u>
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### Summary of Account

Aurora Fund	729.69
Chronicler's Petty Cash Fund	37.53
Chatelaine/Stewart	44.47
Sargeant's	648.38
Constable	31.84
Pied Piper	22.60
Principality Tithe Fund	33.71
AnTir Tithe Fund	8.71
Barony of Borealis	2,999.20

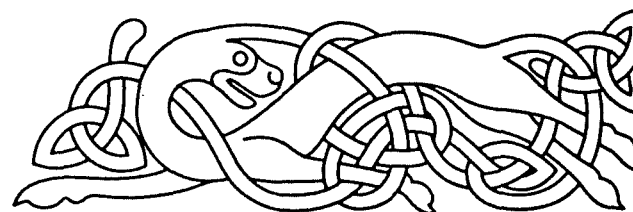
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Opening Balance	5,464.66
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Total Revenue	2,508.20
Total Funds Available	<u>7,972.86</u>

Total Expenditures	3,416.73
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Closing Balance	<u>4,556.13</u>
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**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT  
FOR THE  
CANTON OF VERAQUILON  
FOR THE PERIOD  
JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1996**

Opening Balance	1,387.51
Total Revenue	<u>3,621.60</u>
Total Funds Available	<u>5,009.11</u>
Total Expenditures	3,849.98
Closing Balance	<u>1,159.13</u>
Master of Stables	303.25
Gold Key	62.79
Dancers & Musicians	18.14
Waterbearer	35.00
Publicity Committee	33.58
General Fund	706.37

**The Groaning Board**

Opening Balance	189.18
Total Revenue	<u>2,083.60</u>
Total Funds Available	<u>2,272.78</u>
Total Expenditures	2,027.89
Closing Balance	<u>244.89</u>

Note 1 - The figures for the Groaning Board are maintained in a separate account.

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**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT  
FOR THE  
CANTON OF STONEWOLF (LAKELAND)  
FOR THE PERIOD  
JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1996**

Bank Statement	886.29
Outstanding Expenditures	0.00
Total Funds Available	<u>886.29</u>
Opening Balance	1,335.52
Total Revenue	<u>7,217.41</u>
Total Funds Available	8,552.93
Total Expenditures	7,666.64
Closing Balance	<u>886.29</u> - as per bank statement of January 7, 1996

**CARAWAY SCHOOL DEMO**

**Date:** Friday, April 25, 1997  
**Time:** 1:10 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.  
**Location:** Strathern Elementary and Junior High School  
8728 - 93 Avenue  
**Group:** Medieval Club comprised of K - Grade 6 students  
plus parent leaders.

The Medieval Club is requesting fighters, costumes, hands-on materials (ie: chain mail, games, pictures, leatherwork, embroidery), dance and music.

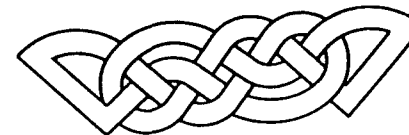
For more information please call Cailleach Aine (Christine Berge) at 461-1110.

**ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**PAPER MAKING**

**Date:** Sunday, April 27, 1997  
**Time:** 1 - 4 p.m.  
**Location:** TBA  
**Contact:** Joan the Just (Joan Reader)  
986-6623

Arts and Sciences nights will no longer be held in conjunction with fighter practice at Holyrood School. We will be holding workshops once per month on a Sunday.



# EGIL SKALLAGRIMSONAR MEMORIAL TOURNEY

XXII

May 23 - 26, 1997

ADIANTUM (Eugene, Oregon)

The barony of Adiantum invites the populace of An Tir to join us a Egil's Tourney XXII, the Knowne World's largest prize tourney & Ithrotir, May 23-26th A.S. XXXII, at Elijah Bristow State Park.

The tournament will be a standard double elimination list. All interested fighters MUST have a shield board, valid membership & fighters authorization card to enter. Shield boards should be 3 1/2" tall and 3" wide, with holes at top and bottom center. A limited number of shield boards will be available for purchase on Saturday ONLY.

The Ithrotir will include eight events: poetry, decorated useful object, costuming, brewing, Nine Men's Morris, archery, spear throwing and wrestling. Back by popular demand this year is the Childrens Ithrotir, open to children between the ages of 5 and 12. Events will include a foot race, rock throwing and shield painting. There will be prizes for each event and a grand prize for the overall winner. Please send a SASE for rules and guidelines to the Autocrats.

All tournament & Ithrotir participants are requested to volunteer one hour of service to the event, all winners will be REQUIRED to do the same.

This year to help reduce lines at front gate, we are opening pre-registration to all. Deadline for pre-registration is May 1, 1997, no later! As in the past, pre-registration is required of ALL merchants. Please contact the merchant-crat for a packet as soon as possible.

SITE FEES: 13/ over - \$8.00; 12/ under - \$5.00; 5/ under - free (\$1.00 discount for pre-registration by May 1, 1997) contact the Autocrats for pre-registration.

DIRECTIONS: From 1-5 North or South, take Hwy. 58 exit (Oakridge/Klamath Falls) east. Follow through Pleasant Hill, watch for SCA & State Park signs. Turn onto Rattlesnake Rd., follow to end, turn right. Follow to main park entrance on Left.

AUTOCRATS: Lord Shawyn Littelle de Vellon & Lady Signe de Vellon (Shawn Vallotton, Tabitha Pitt.) 2097 Crescent Avenue, Eugene, OR 97408 (1-541-484-1630. E-mail: devellon@ix.netcom.com

MERCHANT-CRAT: Lord Brennain MacCuUladh (Mike Bennett) #70, 1263 Main Street, Springfield, OR 97477 (1-541-988-1077. E-mail: mjb@efn.org

For pre-registration form please call Gwynnaeth o Coedaneu (Marsha Bremner) at 478-1505.



**STRATHCONA COUNTY 35TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION  
MEDIEVAL DAYS**

**Master of Stables:** Not present

**Provost:**

Purchase of schlagers has been made. They will be picked up by His Highness Prince Rorik at Estrella and delivered at Investiture. \$100.00 left from the fund goes to the Barony. For the Principality championship at Investiture both schlagers and other style weapons will be used.

**Chatelaine:** No Activities to report.

**Archer:** Not present.

**Herald:**

Stonewolf Canton officer will be the Baronial level herald. Tabards will be passed on at this event. Paper work will follow.

**Chroniclers:** Not present. See new business.

**Arts and**

**Sciences:** Not Present.

**Mistress of the Lists:** Not present.

**Scribe:** Not Present. Baronial scribe is stepping up to Principality level.

**New Business:**

The Chroniclers will be given a little more time to get out an issue. Freydis has changed jobs and is currently out of town three weeks of every four.

Quad War is on the Calendar, but no autocrat is listed.

What can we do to get our fencers qualified on the new Schlagger blade: Could we pay gas money for experienced people to come from Montengarde: marcus will approach people at Investiture about this. Combining the class with an event would be good.

Richard Sparhawke (dec'd) is in a horse club that will be doing a medieval themed entry in a parade if people are interested in participation.

Next meeting will be at Winter War.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

**Dates:** Thursday, May 29, 1997 and  
Friday, May 30, 1997

**Times:** Thursday - Premiere's Luncheon: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Friday - Feast: 7:00 p.m. - ?

They are requesting anyone who would participate in fighting, dancing, and others to provide colour to the event. The Thursday luncheon will be their media event and will host major dignitaries. If you are able to provide your time and service to these functions please contact Cailleach Aine (Christine Berge) at 461-1110 as soon as possible. Anyone interested in assisting at any of the venue sites throughout Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st, please advise me.

**PARADE - MAY 31, 1997**

We need volunteers to man a float in a parade. If you would like to show off those great outfits and inspire the masses, please call Morgan of Devonview (Lisa Hohnstein) at 487-1795.

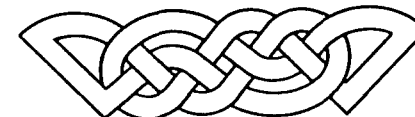
**JOHN JANZEN NATURE CENTRE DEMO  
August 24, 1997**

12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**Location:** John Janzen Nature Centre

**Autocrat:** Gwynnaeth O Coedaneu (Marsha Bremner)  
478-1505

This is one of our big demos for the year. We need everyone - dancers, fighters (light and heavy), musicians, gold key and merchants. Last year we were fortunate enough to have excellent media coverage including television. Please call Gwynnaeth to confirm your participation. We really need you!



## PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

### HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION

The next few issues will cover two articles researched by members of the SCA at large. The first being a history of the city of Kamakura, Japan. The second is the role of the Berserker in Scandinavian Society.

Kamakura, Japan (792 a.d. - 1333 a.d.)

#### SUBMITTED BY:

Nicolaus of Exeter (Kurt Foge)  
Stationed on the USS Independence CV-62

Installment 1 of 3

Kamakura is a city on the east coast of central Honshu (the main island of Japan) in the Kanto district (this district was known as Togoku in the middle ages). Originally this city was no more than a small forgotten fishing village on the shores of Sagami Bay. The Togoku area was so unimportant it was not even mentioned in official records until it abruptly became the capital of Japan.

How Kamakura got its name is uncertain, etymologically it means "enclosed oven" or it could be derived from a word used by the aboriginal natives of Japan, the Ainu meaning "place of many hills". Another explanation of the name is that Fujiwara Kamatari, founder of the Fujiwara clan who were the first supreme rulers of Japan who had their capital in Kyoto, had his sword enshrined there in the 7th century after a dream told him to do so. A sword is also referred to as a sickle in Japan and a sickle is called a "kama" in Japanese; Kama-kura literally means sickle storehouse.

Originally Japan was divided into many fragmented warring clans. Slowly the Yamato clan became supreme rulers and chose Kyoto as their capital in 792. During the 10th century the role of emperor became relegated to religious and cultural spheres and the actual political power was held by regents from the powerful Fujiwara family. By the year 1000 Kyoto was the centre of culture, art and refined living. However, the Fujiwara family's power began to fail and uprising began to occur. Warrior clans (Called samurai) suppressed these uprisings and then began to fight among each other for power. The strongest of these clans were the Heike (also called the Taira) and the Minamoto (also called the Genji). The Heike won at first and controlled the court and the capital. In 1159 the Heike killed Minamoto Yoshitomo and his two oldest sons and captured many other members of the Minamoto clan including a 13 year old boy who was Yoshitomo's third son, Minamoto Yoritomo (the future leader of Japan). His life was spared after the mother of Heike Kiyomori, the supreme leader of the Heike, talked her son into allowing the boy and his younger half brother Minamoto Yoshitsune to live. They were both banished to different temples to live as monks. Yoritomo escaped the temple, gained allies, and made Kamakura his capital in 1180.

## MINUTES

### FEAST OF THE EVERGREENS BARONIAL MEETING

Saturday - February 8, 1997

**Location:** Cherry Grove Hall, Canton of Stonewolf

**Attendance:** Rhowyn  
Mora of Lincolnshire  
Mordecai  
Robert Caithness  
David Huser  
Paul Carpenter  
Louise Carpenter  
Aurora Kasper  
Bartholomew Reynold Codlin  
Marcus Wynniatt  
Arianrhod the Laughing  
Chris Knaus  
Roland Murdoch  
Starlene Hatch  
Rulon DeHatch  
Valgard af Hus Vendrer  
Edwina of Loxley  
Richard Sparhawke (Still deceased)  
Nicolas Sparhawke  
Hrolf  
His Excellency Baron Alheim.

**Chair:** Her Excellency Baroness Adeline

**Secretary:** Dagmar af Hjorring

#### Old Business:

Minutes of the December 7, 1996 meeting read by Her Excellency and accepted as read.

Arianrhod advised that Spring Faire is April 12th: it will be a potluck feast possibly at a hall outside of Edmonton (the Canton of Veraquilon). Edwin suggested Gibbons Hall.

Winter war will be held on March 22nd.

#### Officers Reports:

**Seneschal:** Not present.

**Exchequer:** Not present.



# Barony of Borealis - Museum Demo

Spring 1998

Greetings Gentles of Avacal (and any were else this message may travel)

Once again the Alberta Provincial Museum has started talks with Borealis about putting on a 6 week show. We have already decided on the theme; "King Arthur Man or Myth" a look at 6th century Celtic history (Welsh being the main theme). I am looking for all those early period

Celts and the knowledge / skills that you possess. We need jewelry, village layouts, weaponry, armor, clothing, food & recipes, song-stories & folklore, Alphabets & symbols, Pastimes and games . I think you get the idea we need every thing possible that is being made, studied or though of. We will also have the ability to merchant on site and they have had record #'s the last two years that we have been there. In the next little while I will be sending out many messages to keep reminding every one of this event so please help me stop writing and get on the bandwagon. Flood me with so much information and offers of help &submissions that my time will be spent sorting through the incredible talent that Avacal (and the rest of the S.C.A.) has to offer instead of bothering the uninterested.

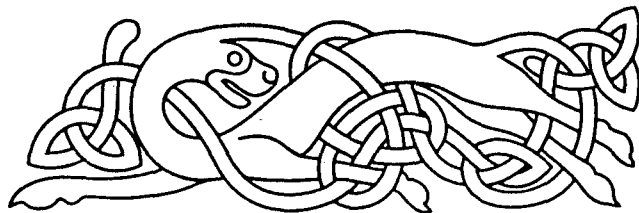
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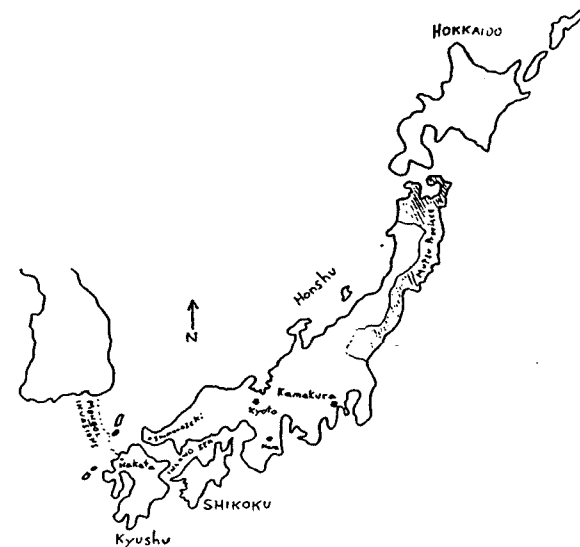
Thank You for your time and hopefully support.

Alfheim Baron of Borealis.



Several important things happened in Kamakura while all that had been happening that shaped the cities future. In 1063 Minamoto Yoriyosh moved into the area and erected a shrine to Hachiman, the patron deity of the Minamoto clan. Why he moved there is unknown. Also, the great grandfather of Minamoto Yoritomo, Minamoto Yoriyoshi had been ordere to suppress a rebellion in the Mutsu Province (present day Fukushima, Miyagi, Iwate, and Aomori Prefectures). He stopped in Kamakura and prayed for victory at Iwashimizu Hachiman-gu shrine. He won. In gratitude for this victory he built Yui Wakamiya shrine in Kyoto as a branch of the shrine he prayed at. In addition to this Minamoto Yoshitom (Yoritomo's father) owned a house in Kamakura located at the current sight of Jufuku-ji temple which is located near modern day Kamakura JR train station. Furthermore, other members of the Minamoto clan owned estates in Togoku.

Yoritomo had other reasons for choosing Kamakura as his capital. The geological features of the city make it a natural fortress against medieval weapons. It faces Sagami Bay on one side and is surrounded by hills on all others. These hills were cut by seven access roads called "Kiridoshi" (meaning cut through) and the names of these roads listed eas to west were Nagoe, Asahina, Kobukuro-zaka, Kamega-yatsu, Kewai-zak. Daibutsu-zaka, and Gokurakuji-zaka. Finally, Yoritomo had many supporters in Togoku who rallied behind his ensign "Down with the Heike among the were the Miura, Wada, Hatakeyama, and Chiba clans. These clans had enjoyed favor with the Minamoto clan since the time of Yoriyosl (about 1063) who had represented their common beliefs.



## The Role of the Berserker in Viking Society

SUBMITTED BY:

HL Freydis the Far-Travelled (Tracy-Lynn Jarratt)  
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Installment 1 of 3

The Berserker's place in society was limited by the terror and violence that was associated with berserkergang. As superb warriors, they were due admiration. However, their tendency to turn indiscriminately upon their friends while the madness was upon them went squarely against the heroic ethic, which demanded loyalty and fidelity to one's friends. The berserk skirted the classification of "ni(dh)ingr", one who was the lowest of men and the object of hate and scorn. An eleventh-century monument raised in Soderby in Uppland, Sweden in memory of a brother reads: "And Sassur killed him and did the deed of a "nidingr"---be betrayed his comrade" (Foote and Wilson, p. 426).

The primary role of the berserk was as a warrior attached to a king's army. Both King Harald and King Halfdan had berserker shock-troops. Aside from their military value, the berserker's ties to Odhinn would have been welcome in a royal army, since Odhinn also had a particular association with rulership, being venerated in Anglo-Saxon England as the ancestor of chieftains, and throughout the North as god of kings and protector of their royal power (Dumezil, *Gods of the Ancient Northmen*, p. 26). Outside of this role, however, the berserker became the stock villain of the sagas, typified as murderous, stupid brutes, or as one modern critic has it, "a predatory group of brawlers and killers who disrupted the peace of the Viking community repeatedly" (Fabing, p. 232). Saxo Grammaticus speaks of such a band in his *Gesta Danorum*:

The young warriors would harry and pillage the neighborhood, and frequently spilt great quantities of blood. They considered it manly and proper to devastate homes, cut down cattle, rifle everything and take away vast hauls of booty, burn to the ground houses they had sacked, and butcher men and women indiscriminately" (Saxo, Vol. 1, p. 163).

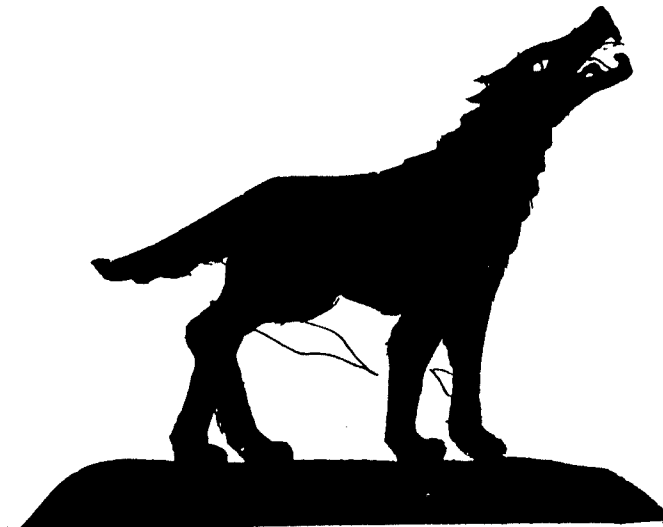
In addition to their warlike activities within their communities, berserkers are characterized by their sexual excesses, carrying of wives, daughters and betrothed maids who then must be rescued by the heroes of the sagas. Saxo was particularly upset by his behavior:

So outrageous and unrestrained were their ways that they ravished other men's wives and daughters; they seemed to have outlawed chastity and driven it to the brothel. Nor did they stop at married women but also debauched the beds of virgins. No man's bridal-chambers was safe; scarcely any place in the land was free from the imprints of their lust" (Saxo, vol.1, p. 118).

It was no doubt due to these excesses of the berserker that resulted in their demise. In 1015 King Erik outlawed berserks, along with "holmganga" or duels (Fabing, p. 235): it had become a common practice for a berserker to challenge men of property to holmgang, and upon slaying the unfortunate victim, to take possession of his goods, wealth, and women. This was a difficult tactic to counter, since a man so challenged had to appear, have a champion fight for him, or else be named "ni(dh)ingr" and coward. Egils saga Skallagrimsonar records one such encounter:

"there's a man called Ljot, a berserker and duel-fighter, hated by everyone. He came here and asked to marry my daughter, but we gave him a short answer and said no to his offer. After that Ljot challenged my son Fridgeir to single combat, so he has to go and fight the duel tomorrow on the isle of Valdero" (Palsson and Edwards, *Egil's Saga*, p.169).

In 1123, the Icelandic Christian Law stated, "If someone goes berserk he is punished with lesser outlawry and the men who are present are also banished if they do not bind him." Lesser outlawry (*fjorbaugsgard*) was a sentence of three years' banishment from the country. Berserkergang was thus classed with other heathen and magical practices, all unacceptable in a Christian society (Foote and Wilson, p. 185). Certainly where berserkers were associated with the cult of Odhinn, and such spell-casting as was associated with their immunity to weapons or shape-changing, this activity would appropriately be classed as "heathen and magical." By the twelfth century, the berserker with his Odhinnic religion, animalistic appearance, his inhuman frenzy upon the battlefield, and terrorism within the Scandinavian community disappeared. the berserk, like his patron deity Odhinn, was forced to yield to the dissolution of pagan society and the advent of the White Christ.



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Colouring Pullout!



Fairs were held annually. In the early Middle Ages, they were important for the trade they attracted, and merchants attended when they could. Later, fairs were

marked more by the diversity of entertainment they offered, and prefigured the modern circus.







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