

the Aurora

February AS XXXI ('97)

The AURORA Borealis
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Edmonton, AB
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Lisa Hohnstein

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Hi Lisa,

yes I have been getting your phone messages ... about 2 weeks late. I'm a cook in rig camps now and am out of town for 2 or 3 weeks at a time. yes I would like

The **SUBMISSION** Dead Line for the Aurora is now the second Wednesday of the Month (the Veraquillon Business Meeting) because the new Editors have a Very Busy mundane work schedule. It would be greatly appreciated if articles and submissions (especially reports) were printer ready, ie. formatted and **SIZED** for the AURORA. Submissions can be E-mailed, Faxed, snail-mailed, or even handed to us. See addresses in the OFFICERS list at the back of this issue.

a deputy to help with typing and printing etc.
Jacy.



Avacal and Area Calendar

Feb 8	Feast of the Evergreens	Canton of Stonewolf (Cold Lake, AB) (AT1)
		(see copy this issue)
Feb 22	AVACAL WINTER INVESTITURE	Barony of Montengarde (Calgary, AB) (AT1)
		(see copy this issue)
March 8	Groaning Board Feast	Canton Of Veraquilon (Edmonton, AB) (AT2)
April 19	Silver Arrow	Shire of Bitter End (Red Deer, AB) (AT1)
(KT1) = Kingdom Tier 1 (AT1) = Avacal Tier 1 (AT2) = Avacal Tier 2		

Canton of Stonewolf

(Cold Lake, Grand Centre and Area)

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

February

Thursday 13	How to Enter an Arts & Sciences Competition and Keep Your Sanity!
Thursday 10	Project Night
Thursday 27	Brewing !!

March

Thursday 6	Heraldry & Persona development.
Thursday 13	Calligraphy
Thursday 20	Inkle Weaving
Thursday 27	Tavern Night

Canton of Veraquilon

(Edmonton and Area)

Arts and Sciences Topic Nights, Dancing Practices and Fighter Practices are held in the Holyrood School Gym at 7920-94 Ave. on Tuesdays.

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 8pm at the Capilano Community League Hall located at 10810-54 Street.

February

Tuesday	4	Fighter Practice/Dance	(Holyrood)
Wednesday	5	Tavern run by the Fencers	(Capilano)
Tuesday	11	Fighter Practice/A&S	(Holyrood)
Wednesday	12	Business	(U of A)
Tuesday	18	Fighter practice/Dance/(A&S with Freydis on shoes.)	(Holyrood)
Tuesday	25	Fighter Practice/A&S	(Holyrood)

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Unto the Good Gentles of Borealis, Avacal and An Tir doth your humble editoress send Greetings.

I now have a job that requires me to spend extended periods of time out of town. This necessitates the finding of an assistant editor to start taking over the running of the Aurora. I have had fun doing this, but the pressures of my mundane life have had the unfortunate effect of causing the Aurora to be put on the back burner too often to have it published as regularly as it should have been.

There are several requirements needed to run the Aurora: a computer and of course a printer; the desire to put a lot of time into research and typing and printing and pasting and coping and drawing...etc etc etc LOTS OF TIME (I repeat) LOTS OF TIME.

I have many people to thank for their contributions of articles or help.

HL Dagmar for various bits and pieces and the cross-stitch pattern Lady Cailleach and Lady Gwyneath for printing and mailing December's issue.

Lady Rhovan for the calendar from Stonewolf

HL Mordecai for various web things sent our way.

HL Ulf for the use of his net address and being my mortal support. all the unknown artists whos' stuff I've been using.

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(FREYDIS)



Tavern Nights
FEBRUARY 5th
IN VERAQUILON
AND
MARCH 27th
IN STONEWOLF

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Minutes of the Saturday, December 7, 1996 Borealis Baronial meeting held at Yule Feast in Caernarvon Hall, Canton of Veraquilon. Called to order at 5:09 p.m.

Minutes of the September 21, 1996 meeting read by Morecai Salzer. Sgt. Cennet ap Llangollen advised that in the Provost's report the number of schlager blades to be purchased for each canton is two not one. Minutes accepted as amended.

Attendance: Alys Sylfireloc of Aelesmera, Cailleach Aine, Marcus Wynniatt, Mordecai Salzer, Eadwulf de Ruthven, Joan the Just, Valgard af Hus Vendrer, Kirsten Macbheath, John Macleod the Black, Aethelestan of Carlisle, Alphonse de Lorraine, Freydis the Far-Travelled, Cennet ap Llangollen, Gawaine, Dirk, His Excellency Baron Alfheim.

Chair: Gwyneath O Coedaneu Secretary: Dagmar af Hjorring

Officer's Reports

Seneschal: no report

Exchequer: Balance in the Baronial account approximately \$4,500.00. Need final financial reports on Silverwolf and Coronet. Also needs input from the Cantons for Society's Branch financial statements.

Herald: Has been elevated to Principality level. Has some applications for Canton of Veraquilon herald. Would like to see someone in the position who hasn't held office before. His Excellency reported that the Canton of Stonewolf will be appointing a new herald.

Master of Stables: Not Present. His Excellency reported the number of fighters is dwindling in all disciplines. Need to actively recruit. Can't currently field a Baronial army. Comments - Alphonse de Lorraine reports that Veraquilon has several new people getting armour together. Valgard af Hus Vendrer says that war archery seems to be discouraged, but the Baron said that is definitely contrary to official policy.

Arts and Sciences: Trying to choose classes for Ithra. fax questionnaire to Stonewolf

Provost: Cantons will purchase two schlagers each with masks if the Barony can match funds (\$300.00 each from Veraquilon and Stonewolf, \$600.00 from Borealis). These will be training aids for Kingdom level fencing. Comments - Joan the Just suggested renting then to recoup the costs. Eadwulf de Ruthven noted that the change in archery style may affect the equipment requirement. (It was stressed that the purchased blades are for training aids before people invest their own money; not a subsidy from the group.) Freydis the Far-Travelled mentioned that the blades must be made available regularly (this is the job of the Provost) and the users should help raise funds to cover the costs.

LEMON LOAF

This simple and delicious cake was served as dessert at the Spring Fair Last Year. This recipe is my Granny's and it never fails.

Ingredients:

1 cup white sugar
1/2 cup shortening (I used butter)
2 eggs well beaten
1/2 cup milk
1 lemon rind, finely grated

1 1/2 cups all purpose flour sifted
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp Baking powder

1/4 cup sugar and juice of one lemon

a well greased 9x5 loaf pan

In a large bowl cream the shortening and add the sugar. When mixed together well add the eggs, milk and the lemon rind. In another bowl, sift together the dry ingredients then add to the first mixture. Blend together until all moistened. Pour into the loaf pan and bake in a 350°f oven for approximately an hour.

While the loaf is baking combine the 1/4 cup of sugar with the lemon juice and stir until the sugar dissolves.

Let the cake stand for a few minutes before pouring the sweetened lemon juice over the hot loaf.

Let the loaf cool in the pan then turn it out and enjoy a nice fat slice.

This recipe makes one loaf that keeps well in the freezer.
(if it gets that far!!!)

The Top 17 Signs You're at a Bad Renaissance Festival

(Taken from the Net a while ago)

- 17> The castle and village are made entirely from Legos
 - 16> Turkey leg bears striking resemblance to Cocker Spaniel Leg...
 - 15> Festival activities include "Ye Olde Wet T-Shirt Contest"
 - 14> Eight minute drum solo in the middle of Greensleeves
 - 13> "Belly up to the bar, me lad, for some grilled mahi-mahi and fresh Californina Roll"
 - 12> Ye Olde Glassblower makes nothing but crack pipes
 - 11> The meade is served in a coconut shell with a fizzy straw
 - 10> Everyone seems to have attended the Kevin Costner School of British Accents
 - 9> Mosh Pit follows the wandering minstrels
 - 8> You get charged 5 bucks to take a leak behind Ye Olde Hedge
 - 7> Guillotine exhibit closed due to pending litigation
 - 6> Friar Tuck's pager keeps going off
 - 5> Featured Event: "Johnson-Jousting"
 - 4> Disgusting Ogre is merely an unshaven Marlon Brando
 - 3> "Tarry wench I prithee! Wouldst thou Macarena?"
 - 2> Merlin the Magician's only trick is "Got Your Nose!"
- and the Number 1 sign you're at a Bad Renaissance Festival...
- 1> Jousting Crips & Bloods (gangs)

Archer: Will the new style blunts be needed for Winter War? His Excellency advised that this matter would be covered during court later this evening. (note from that announcement - current blunts may still be used until His Highness advises us differently)

Chatelaine: Principality has provided new reporting forms and advised that two written reports will be required (at the end of reign) and two verbal ones.

Chroniclers: Apologized for missed November Issue. All subscription renewal dates will be extended by a month to compensate.

Scribe: Back charters have been handed out. Moving up to Principality level.

Mistress of the Lists: no report

Baron/Baroness: Winter War Can't be in February due to Scheduling conflicts. Do we want to hold the event? (Comments - John Macleod the Black thinks Bitter End is getting too uppity and needs stomping. Joan the Just volunteered herself and Cennet to autocrate it) His Excellency requested that at the next Veraquilon Business meeting it be raised as to whether the Canton would be willing to combine Winter War with Spring Faire. Otherwise March 22 is open for Winter War. The decision must be made by the New Year. Advertisements for the Aurora must be passed by the Seneschal, Baron and Baroness before printing. The former Canton of Bordergate would like to put forward a bid for June 1997 Coronet under the Baronial name. They only have about six members, so they would need Baronial Members to assist at the event. The consensus was that we would support them if they can produce a strong bid. More Regalia is needed especially for the various champions. The Baronial Champions's awards need names. Suggestions will be taken until the Feast of the Evergreens.

Old Business

The Seneschal advised that Baronial Censuses are still being accepted.

New Business

Cailleach: The organizers of the Strathcona County Medieval Days (May 28 to June 1) need advisors in medieval demos and helpers for the Thursday mayor's luncheon. She will provide copy for the Aurora.

Eadwulf: Would like to set up a Baronial resource list of people and the books and other things they would be willing to lend out.

Next Meeting: The first weekend of February in 1997 at the Feast of the Evergreens when the baronial fencing championship will be held.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

X-Sender: mtraub@mail.sas.ab.ca
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 From: mtraub@sas.ab.ca (mark traub)
 Subject: Registration for Feast of the Evergreens - 8 Feb 97

Two weary travellers knock the snow from their hoods and survey the commons... spotting the announcement post, one posts an announcement...the other, unrolling a copy of the same, calls out in a loud voice...

OYEA! OYEA! Good Gentles Pray Attend!

Any and all hardy souls willing to brave the elements and travel north to Stonewolf in the coming weeks...Feb 8 to be exact...please contact the autocrat to register your intentions to attend...this way we know how many search teams to send out to scour the frozen wastes for those that don't quite make it! Feasting! Frolicking! Champion of the Evergreens Competition! Borealis Rapier Championship! Murder Mystery! What a night! Food by our own Baron Alfheim! (the Baroness taught him how to cook) Entertainment by our renowned Bards! And fencing! (did we mention the Fencing?)

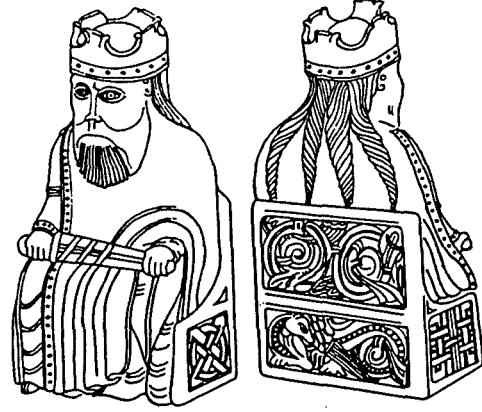
Please register in advance at this E-Mail address with your mundane name, SCA name, Youth or Adult, and if crash space is necessary...free standing tents can be set up within the hall.

Lady Rhownyn at mtraub@mail.sas.ab.ca

Yours in service,

Lady R.

Lord Marcus Wynniatt, Gallant of Borealis



In the spring of 1831 a storm carried away a portion of sandbank on the west coast of Lewis and exposed a number of small carved ivory chessmen. These wonderfully vital figures are worked in walrus tusk and some would have been left natural and some stained dark red, although this has now faded to palest pink. Although the carving is remarkably detailed, with every piece different, the tallest of these sturdy chess pieces is only 10 cm high. There is much debate about the origins of these chessmen, but the intricate carving on the backs of the thrones of some of the figures can be compared with a group of Scandinavian carvings of the twelfth century. How the pieces came to the remote Outer Hebrides remains a mystery, but it's possible they were washed ashore from a lost merchant's ship, and buried in the sand dunes for many hundreds of years. Seventy eight of the chessmen are now distributed between the British Museum in London and the Royal Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh.



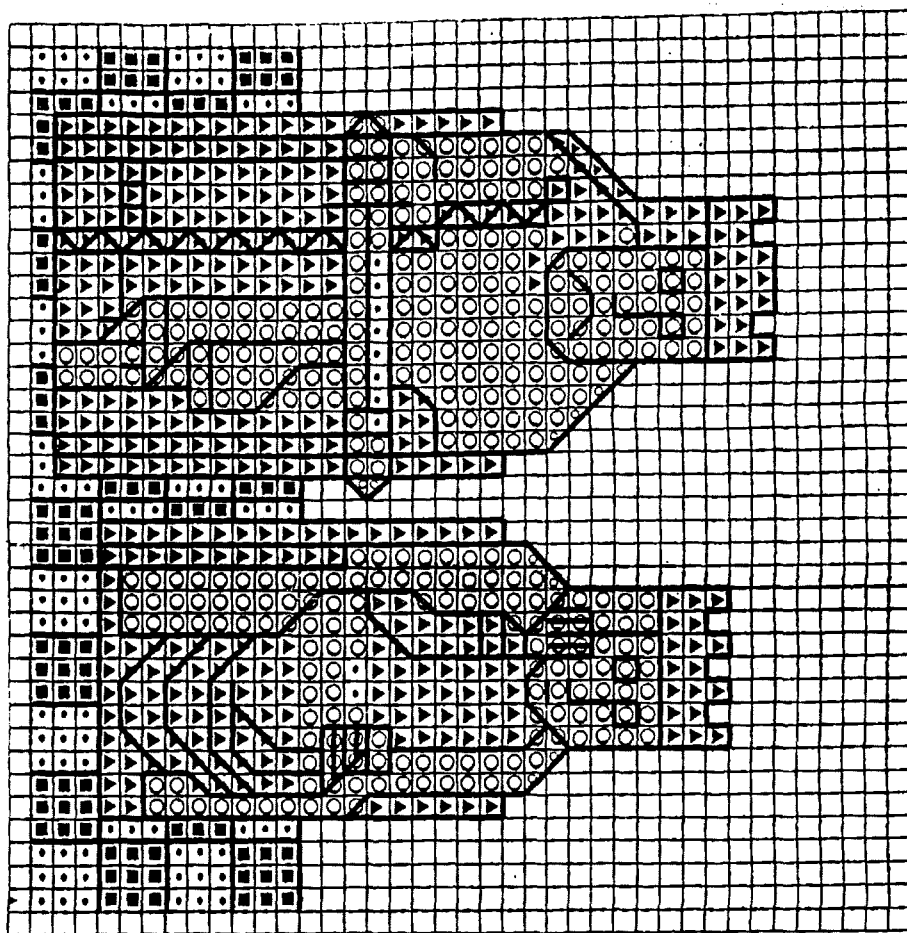


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symbol

suggested

DMC colour

451 - grey

001 - ecru

950 - pink & 453 - pale beige blended

950 - pink & 842 - dark beige blended

3799 - charcoal grey for backstitch

Recommended: The placement of a French knot in the centre of each eye on both figures. Use the same colour as for backstitching.

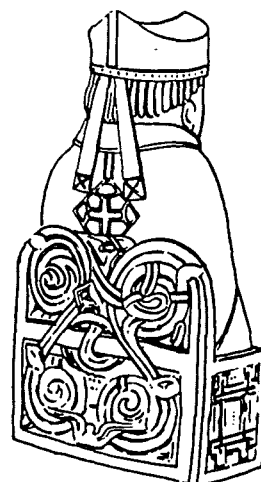
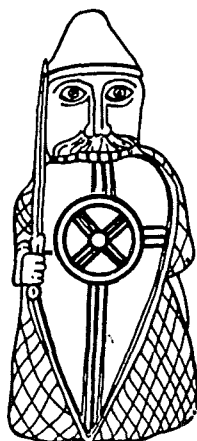
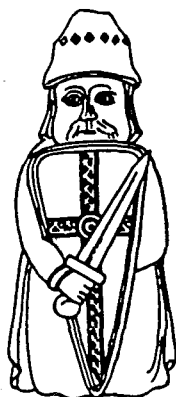
Good day good gentles:

We have made an error in the feast of the Evergreens.....we mistakenly booked it for the 8th of February, it has been brought to our attention that the date was supposed to be the 1st. We apologise for any conflict with other events that this may have caused....It is too late to change it at this date as the hall is booked and preparations are underway....

Again we apologise for any confusion in the dates....the Feast of the Evergreens at the Canton of Stone wolf will be held Feb 8 /97....please come join us for fun and games....and an incredible feast.

for Lady Rhwyn
marcus wynniatt

Lord Marcus Wynniatt, Gallant of Borealis



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Avacal Winter Investiture
Barony of Montegarde
February 22, 1997

The Beddington Heights Community Center
375 Bermuda Drive NW
Calgary, Alberta

Feast Tickets \$15.00 Potluck Tickets \$8.00 Site Fee Only \$6.00

There will be 150 feast tickets available and table reservations will be available for groups of 6 or more with paid feast tickets. Reservations are available from the Autocrat only. The site opens at 12:30pm Saturday.

Autocrat: HL Eirika Francesca Pacchioni
(403) 289-2234 (eirika@nucleus.com)
Deputy Autocrat: Lady Nan Compton
(403) 295-1242

* Directions to the hall available from either Eirika or Nan.

***** Their Royal Highnesses Rorik and Gwendolyn will be holding Their first court at 1pm where they will take care of any outstanding business - Any crash commercial announcements must be made at this court as they will not be allowed in the investiture court.

***** The Arts and Sciences competition must be judged and tabulated by 4:30pm in time for TRH's final court so all entries must be present and ready for judging by 2pm. PLEASE if you know anyone entering this event let them know the cutoff time. If you are judging please be present in the hall by 2pm.

***** The Rapier Championship will also be run in the window between 2pm and 4:30pm.

***** TRHs will hold Their final court at 5pm followed by the Investiture of Their Excellencies Vik and Ceridwyn. This will be immediately followed by TRH Vik & Ceridwyn's first court. The feast is scheduled to start between 7 and 8 pm depending on the length of court.

If you have any questions about the above feel free to contact me, questions about the championships should be directed to the respective champions (see the Avantegarde for their contact information). If you are interested in judging the A&S competition please let the Champions (Elric and Esperanza) or myself know what area's you can judge (nudge, nudge to the Laurels on-line!).

I have repeated the feast information below. Cutoff for feast tickets will be the 15th of February (I will be at Estrella but you can leave a message on the answering machine or by e-mail).

No one has expressed an interest in Potluck as yet so it will likely be cancelled and only feast and site fee tickets sold.

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