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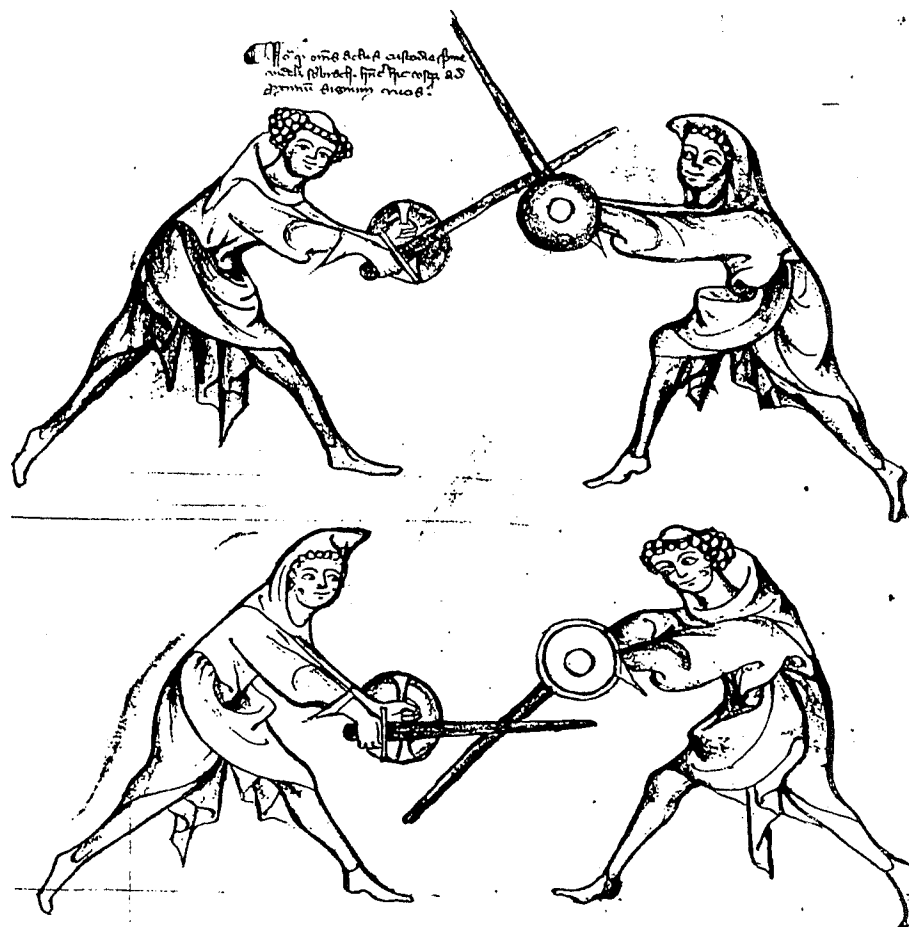
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AVACAL AND AREA CALENDAR

March 8	Italian Renaissance Masked Ball, Canton of VerAquilon (Edmonton, Alberta)
March 22	Winter War, Barony of Borealis (Camrose, AB)
April 12	Spring Faire, Canton of VerAquilon (Edmonton, AB)
April 12	Beltaine Tournament & Pyrate Tavern, Barony of Montengarde (Calgary, AB)
April 19	Avacal Coronet Council/Silver Arrow, Bitter End (Red Deer, AB)
May 29 - 30	Strathcona County Medieval Days (Strathcona County)
May 31	Sherwood Park Library Parade (Sherwood Park, AB)
August 24	John Janzen Nature Centre Demo (Edmonton, AB)
Spring 1998	Barony of Borealis - Museum Demo

STANDING BARONIAL CALENDARS

Canton of Stonewold (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)

Arts and Sciences nights and Dancing Practice are held alternately 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.

BULLETIN BOARD

Congratulations to Lady Achianrod the Laughing, Lady Alynne of Kendal and to Lady Cailleach Aine on their recent achievements at the Investiture Arts and Sciences Faire, held in Montengarde on February 22, 1997.

Cover illustration reprinted from "The Holy Grail", by Malcolm Godwin. "Illustration from a 13c manual on Fencing from South Germany showing the use of arms which would have been familiar with the contemporary writer of the Grail legends."

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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.

Canton of VerAquilon Calendar of Events

March

Wednesday 5	Tavern	(Capilano, Edmonton)
Saturday 8	Italian Renaissance Masked Ball	(St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Edmonton)
Tuesday 11	Fighter/Dance Practice	(Holyrood School, Edm.)
Wednesday 12	Business	(U of A, Edmonton)
Tuesday 18	Fighter Practice/A & S	(Holyrood School, Edm.)
Saturday 22	Barony of Borealis -	(Camrose Drill Hall,
- Sunday 23	Winter War	Camrose)
Tuesday 25	Fighter/Dance Practice	(Holyrood School, Edm.)

April

Tuesday 1	Fighter Practice/ A & S	(Holyrood School, Edm.)
Wednesday 2	Tavern	(Capilano, Edmonton)
Tuesday 8	Fighter/Dance Practice	(Holyrood, Edmonton)
Wednesday 9	Business	(U of A, Edmonton)
Saturday 12	Spring Fair	(Glen Park Hall, Edm.)
Tuesday 15	Fighter Practice/A & S	(Holyrood School, Edm.)
Tuesday 22	Fighter/Dance Practice	(Holyrood School, Edm.)
Tuesday 29	Fighter Practice/A & S	(Holyrood School, Edm.)

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.

Please do not call any of these Good Gentles after 9:30 pm local time.

GROANING BOARD
ITALIAN RENAISSANCE MASKED BALL

March 8, 1997

Yes, the rumors are true. The Groaning Board is back after nearly a year. We are having a Masked Ball so now is the time to make that mask you always wanted to or make a new fancy gown or...you get my drift. The time is 14?? The place; Italy.

Location: St. Stephen's Anglican Church
10909 - 96 Street
Edmonton, Alberta

Time: Church opens at 4:30 p.m.
Dinner commences at 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per person

Autocrat: Edwina of Loxely (Linda Garrison)
923-2864

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Cheques should be made out to "The Groaning Board". Payment can be sent to:

Linda Garrison
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Payment is due March 5, 1997 or you may lose your spot.

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BARONY OF BOREALIS

WINTER WAR

March 22-23, 1997

TO ARMS, TO ARMS

Bitter End has sent challenge to cross and conquer Borealis' borders. Archers and fighters are called to arms to defend our realm.

Location: Camrose Drill Hall
Camrose, Alberta

Cost: \$15 per person for the weekend
\$12 per person for Saturday and the feast
\$6 day pass (excluding feast)

Autocrats: Joan the Just (Joan Reader)
HL Cennet ap Llangollen (Ken Reader)
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Hall opens on Saturday at 10 a.m. and closes Sunday 12 noon.

Armour inspection will be held from 12:30 to 1 :00 p.m. on Saturday March 22, 1997. Please ensure that all waivers are signed and that all blue cards are available for documentantation.

War and general mayhem to follow promptly at 2:00.

Accommodations:

Indoor space has been made available for those who wish to camp out at this event (free standing tents only please or camp out on the floor).

SPRING FAIRE & ARTS & SCIENCES PENTATHLON
April 12th at Glen Park Hall, Edmonton, Alberta.

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

The feast itself is a potluck, so bring your finest, favorite or creative creations to share amongst people who would surely appreciate it. (Bread and cheese will be provided).

Potluck fee - \$6.00
Site fee only - \$4.00

Site opens at 11:00 a.m., classes will commence at 1:00pm, the feast itself will start at 7:00 p.m. with a Baronial court after bread and cheese.

A general guideline for the Potluck and what to bring is, last name ending in:

A-H: Fruit & Vegetable dishes. (Need not be salad, be creative if you wish.)

I-P: Meat dishes. (Soups, stews, roast beast, sausage, etc., most welcome.)

Q-Z: Desserts. (I have my favorites. What are yours?)

If you have beer, mead or wine you wish to bring and share by all means please do so, however there will be a bar so they are not considered feast contributions.

Please remember these are only general guidelines. If you have something special or specific you wish to bring, or don't know what to bring, contact the autocrat, we'll work something out.

There will be classes taught during the day, before the feast. The list includes:

Wolves of Wodin - Norse History
Calligraphy & Illumination
Costuming - 6th-12th century
Period fabrics, dyes & colors

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Cooking
Beginner Armouring
Dancing

Which classes will be held will depend upon populace response. If you would like to attend any of these, please let the autocrat know.

And on that score the autocrat of this event is:

AEthelestan of Carlisle
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The A&S Pentathlon is being run by:

Cennet ap Llangollen
m.k.a. Ken Reader

Directions to site: 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.

(P.S. Stay tuned for further updates and/or announcements. Comments? Questions? Suggestions? Please feel free to call or e-mail me. Input would be appreciated. I want this to be an event everyone will enjoy.)

ARTS & SCIENCES PENTATHLON & TRIATHLON (AS XXXI)

To be pentathlon champion you must enter at least five categories. Entries must be in both arts and sciences.

To enter in the Novice Championship you cannot have won before in the categories entered or have been an Arts & Sciences Novice or Pentathlon Champion.

GENERAL RULES

1. All entries must be within the time period 500-1650CE and be of European culture or a culture which had contact with Europe at that time.
2. All entries must be accompanied by documentation. Minimum documentation should consist of an explanation of what the piece is and what time period it is from.
3. Individuals may enter as many or as few categories as they wish, with a maximum of three entries per category.
4. Competitors must have entries in five separate categories in order to be eligible for overall Pentathlon winner, but prizes in individual categories may be awarded to contestants with fewer entries.
5. Individual entries may be submitted in more than one category. Separate documentation must be submitted for each category.
6. Each entry will be given a point score out of 25. Judging is based on Documentation, Authenticity, Complexity, Workmanship, Originality and Overall Impression.
7. Only the contestant's top five scores, from five separate categories, will be totaled to determine the Pentathlon Champion.
8. Only the contestant's top three scores, from three separate categories, will be totaled to determine the Novice Champion.
9. There will be no minimum number of entries necessary in order to keep a category open but the judges reserve the right to withhold prizes in any category where no entries receive higher than a predetermined point score.
10. Entries must have been completed within the last 18 months. Pieces entered in last year's Pentathlon are not eligible for competition.

SHERWOOD PARK LIBRARY

MAY 31, 1997

We need a few more bodies to man a float in a parade. We're told that there will be no extra work required by us other than the "Royal Wave". So...if you would like to show off those great outfits and inspire the masses, please call Morgan of Devonview at 487-1795 to sign up.

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!

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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STRATHCONA COUNTY MEDIEVAL DAYS

MAY 29 - 30, 1997

We have had a demo request to perform at the "Strathcona County Medieval Days" The two major events that we will be performing at are:

Event 1: May 29 Premiers Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Event 2: May 30 Banquet 7:00 p.m. (ish)

We need fighters, dancers, minstrels and lots of extra bodies. Lady Cailleach Aine is your contact for this event. If you can spare yourself for a few hours on either or both of these days, please call her at 461-1110.

11. Performing and literature categories may be subject to length and time restrictions.

12. Research papers will be due one week before the Pentathlon date to allow sufficient judging time.

CATEGORIES

Costuming - to 1250 CE
Costuming - after 1250 CE
Needlework
Calligraphy
Illumination
Cooking - S
Music Composition
Armoring - S
Brewing - S
Practical Tools & Utensils - S
Decorative Metalwork - S
Leatherwork - S
Wood Embellishment - S
Performing Arts
Literature
Research Papers
Spinning
Weaving
Dying - S
Miscellaneous

Other categories may be created if there is sufficient demand.

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)

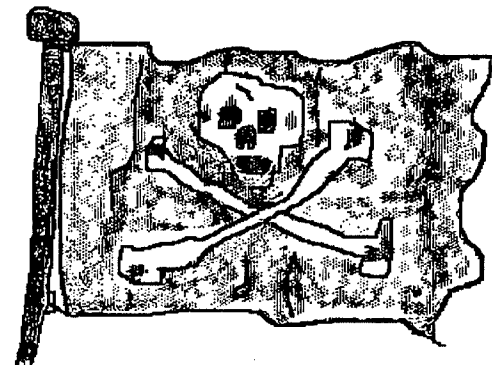
Autocrat: Beltaine:
Baroness Sapphira of Sherwood
277 - 0740

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, "Pirates".)



Aye, split and sink me, there be a bottle o' Highland scotch fer the last 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.