

A thought for July

"Above all, one must strive for excellence."

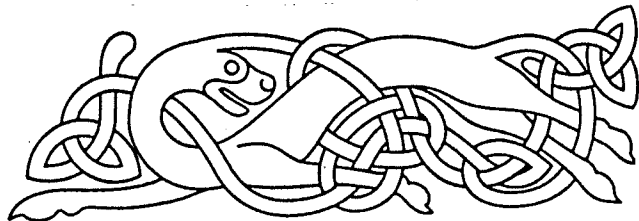
Phil of Hartford

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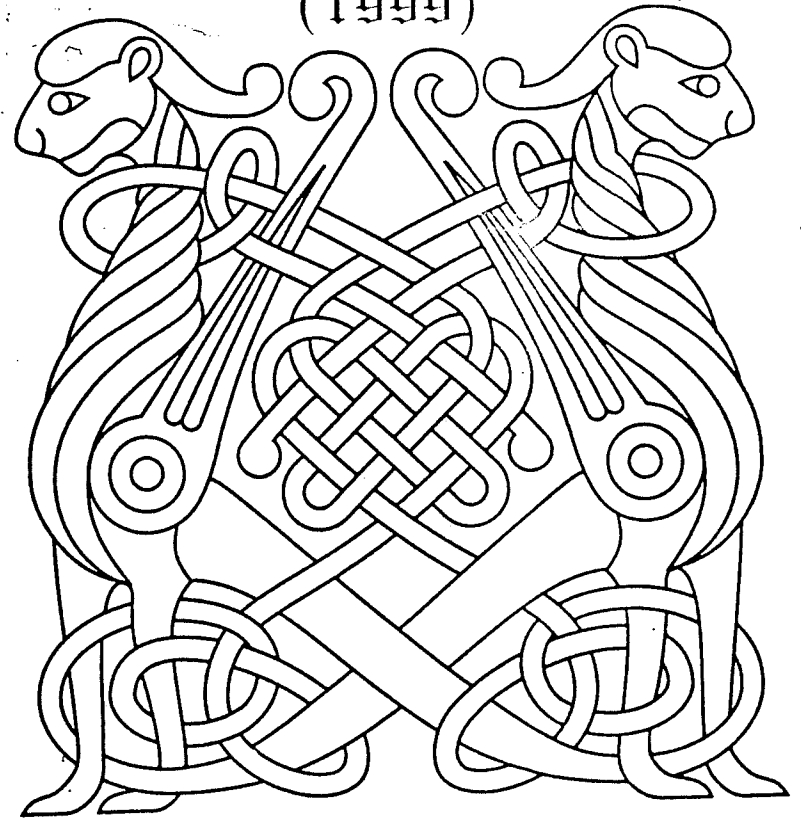
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BARONY OF
BOREALIS

**BOREALIS BARONIAL CALENDARS
(STANDING)**

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 in Grand Centre. Armouring is held every Sunday afternoon at Safe Haven, as weather permits. All inquiries should be directed to 826-6871. **WARNING:** Impromptu fight practices may break out spontaneously after armouring.

Canton of Veraquilon

(Edmonton and Area)

Dance/Fighter Practice, Arts and Sciences Classes, Tavern Night

Dance: 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Near Eastern Folk Dancing – 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Fighter: Mondays, Heavy and Rapier at 6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
(Fighting will be outside, weather permitting.)

Arts and Sciences: 1st Monday of each month

Tavern Night: the first Wednesday of the month, 8:30 p.m.

Activity Locations:

Dance/Fighter Practices/A&S:

Strathern United Church basement,
95th Avenue and 86th Street

Tavern Night: Capilano Community League Hall, 10810 – 54 Street

Contact: Lady Gwynnaeth o Coedanue (Marsha Bremner, 478-1505)

BULLETIN BOARD

August 4th Tavern, Veraquilon

Traders of the Lost Arts

The Caravan would like to welcome all to the August 4th Tavern.

Trade is the theme for the evening. Bring your works of art, your bolts of fabric, your used/new armour, anything that you would wish to trade (or maybe sell) to the tavern. Tables will be set up to display your wares.

There will also be an auction held to raise funds for the Canton armoury.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Leoria Hayhurst

There was seen, in the Month of June, in the year of AS XXXIV, in the Barony of Borealis, a war. This war was fought on land that was fair to the eye both green and moist.

There were 15 battles fought that day. Victory went to the Crown of Avacal. Our Tanist and The Lost Vikings (his guard) won the day by taking 13 of the 15 battles.

The war was fought as all wars are both in the past, now, and in the future. Men and women rally to their banners, follow their commanders and hope to see the sun set and then rise again the next day. Not all is fair, but in the end valour and heart won out.

Many died, many were wounded and many lived to tell the tales that make legends of us all.

Phil

(but a witness to the deeds of great people)

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AVACAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

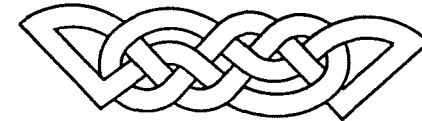
July to December 1999

What's on in July 1999

July 16 – 18 Coronation, Stromgard. The shire of Stromgard invites on and all to witness the crowning of An Tir's new King and Queen. Event copy in this issue.

July 24- 25, Moorish Tavern , North Dakota. Event copy in this issue.

July 30 – August 02, Clinton War, Loins Gate. The Barony of Lions Gate and the Shire of Ramsgard invite friends and foes alike to join them once again on the fields of Clinton War to engage in battles. Event copy in this issue.



Events to watch for in the next few months.

1999

August 6-8, Baronesses' War
August 21-22 Avacal Investiture
September 18-19 Silverwolf
October 16-17, Theme Feast
December 4-5, Yule Feast

Three Mountains
Bitter End
Borealis
Stonewolf
Borealis

2000

March 11-12, Winter War
June 24-25, Quad War
Tentative event dates:
February 5-6, Feast of the Evergreens
April 15-16, Spring Faire
TBA, Boar Hunt

Borealis
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Stonewolf
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FROM THE CHRONICLER

It is with some feeling that I leave the service of the Barony of borealis as Chronicler of the Aurora. I move with joy into the new position that awaits me and remember all the days recorded by my hands of the past.

This position has allowed me to grow by expanding my numbers of people whom I count as friends, by increasing my appreciation of the written word and how much and long it takes to get it out there to be read.

I wish whoever takes up this position the best. I and all those chroniclers before me will be happy to lend words of wisdom and a sympathetic ear.

Please keep sending in your ideas and submissions. It is you who makes the Aurora more than just an event calendar.

*In Your Service,
and that of the dream,*

Lady Morgan of Devonview



July Coronation

16 July 1999 to 18 July 1999

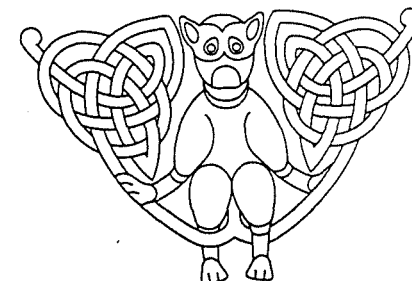
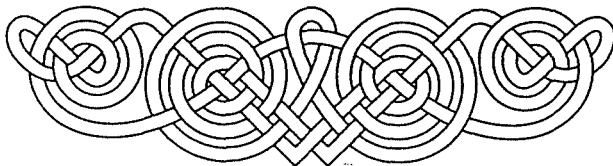
Stromgard

The shire of Stromgard invites one and all to witness the crowning of An Tir's new King and Queen! There will be an Equestrian Tournament, an Archery Tournament, a Rapier Tournament, and Pied Piper Activities. There will also be horses available to rent.

Site Donation: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5 to 12, and free for children under 5. For eric space and horse rental info, contact the autocrat.

Merchant fee is \$2 per foot of frontage, no more than 24 feet deep. Merchantcrat: Wulff von Ravensway (Ted Wolf), 360/253-2350, tedwolf@hotmail.com

Autocrat: Earl Sir Edward Ean Anderson (Ed Carthel), 17005 NE Grantham Road, Amboy, WA 98601, 360/247-5980, edward@wa-net.com



Clinton War

30 July 1999 to 02 August 1999

Lions Gate

The Barony of Lions Gate and the Shire of Ramsgard invite friends and foes alike to join them once again on the fields of Clinton War to engage in battles, contests and revelry. The event begins on Friday, July 30 and continues until Monday, August 2 at the traditional site near Clinton, B.C.

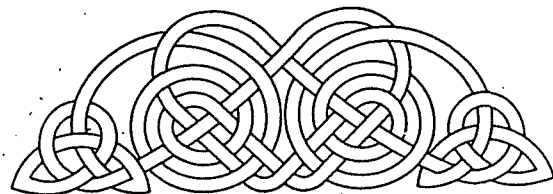
The war will be won by the side taking more of three war points, one each for Battle, Arts and Sciences. The Battle point is divided into three: the first for native troops and those in fealty to them, heavy fighters only; the second for native and fealty, heavies and light troops, including archers; and the third for natives and mercenaries, heavies and lights. Anyone participating in battles with archery must wear face protection such as screening or lexan in addition to their regular helm. The Arts point will be won by the best song, story or poem about a persona, and the Sciences point will be won by the best gameboard and pieces made on site. Mercenaries are welcome to enter the Arts and Sciences Contests.

As well as the war, there will be many other battles for heavies and lights on the war field, and on Sunday morning Baroness Amanda will be escorted from the site of her old (ancient) castle to the new (old) castle. Brigands will, unfortunately, be lying in ambush, no doubt, and Sergeants, Yeomen and applicants will be called upon to defend her. Ithra classes, merchants, bardic circles, sticky buns and other revelry will entertain the populace in less violent pastimes.

The site is very primitive (open field along a creek, no electricity or city water). Water, stores, etc. are available a short drive away in Clinton. The days can be hot and the nights are cold. The site fee is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 13, \$25 per family, or whatever you can afford.

To get to the site: from the highway through Clinton turn up the hill (left if you're coming from the south) at Macdonald Ave., follow the road up the hill, around the corners, across the railroad tracks, over the cattleguard, turn left and follow the surveyor's tape along the road.

For more information, contact Viscountess Maelen of Catcott at (604)523-2795 or e-mail seedhon@tc.gc.ca.



Anglo-Saxon Charms

Submitted by: Lady Julianna

The following charm is for a swarm of bees. Professor Gordon says that the purpose of the charm is to keep the bees from going too far away to swarm. The man referred to in this spell is probably the sorcerer or magician who is thought to have caused the swarm. The flattery about his mighty tongue may be intended to flatter him, just as the phrase "victorious women" is ment to flatter the bees.

Bees were important in the Anglo-Saxon culture. Honey was used as a sweetener for food, and as an antiseptic for wounds. It was also used to prepare other medicines. And, of course, it made excellent mead.

Charms for a Swarm of Bees

Take earth, cast it with thy right hand under thy right foot, and say:

I put it under foot; I have found it.
Lo, the earth can prevail against all creatures,
And against injury, and against forgetfulness,
And against the might tongue of a man.

Cast gravel over them when they swarm, and say:

Alight, victorious women, descent to earth.
Never fly wild to the wool.
Be as mindful of my profit
As every man is of food and fatherland.

- Translated by Professor Gordon

The following charm was to be spoken before one set out on a journey. It was supposed to protect from dangers by land or sea. St. Eligius (588 – 659) said “But whether you are setting out on a journey, or beginning any other work, cross yourself in the name of Christ, and say the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer with faith and devotion, and then the enemy can do you no harm.”

This charm shows how paganism and Christianity co-existed for many years in Anglo-Saxon England. People continued to ask both Christ and the old gods for protection. I think it is interesting because it maintains the form and style of the older charms, while incorporating Christianity as a kind of protective magic.

A Journey Spell

I guard myself with this rod and give myself into god’s protection,
Against the painful stroke, against the grievous stroke,
Against the grim dread,
Against the great terror which is hateful to each,
Against all evil which may enter the land.
I chant a charm of victory, I bear a rod of victory,
Word-victory, work-victory. May they be of power for me;
That no nightmare hinder me, nor belly-fiend afflict me,
Nor ever fear fall upon my life;
But may the Almighty save me, and the son and the Holy Ghost,
The Lord worthy of all glory,
And, as I heard, Creator of the heavens.
Abraham and Isaac, Jacob and Joseph,
And such men, Moses and David,
And Eve and Hannah and Elizabeth,
Sarah and also Mary, Christ’s mother,
And also the brethren, Peter and Paul, and also thousands of the angels,
I call upon to fend me against all fiends.
May they lead me, and guard me, and protect my path,
Wholly preserve me and rule me,
Shaping my work; may I have the hope of heaven,
A hand to guard my head, saints to shield me,
A company of conquering, righteous angels.
Glad in heart I pray to them all, that Matthew be my helm,
Mark my breastplate, gleaming life’s covering,

Barony of Borealis Events

Boor Hunt, July 24th - Cancelled

OTHER EVENTS

MOORISH TAVERN VIII

July 24 - 25, 1999

Metegoshi State Park, North
Dakota
#2 Lake Metigoshe State
Park, Bottineau, ND 58318
701 263-4651 (Park Rangers Number)

Site: 5pm Friday - 2pm
Sunday. Hot showers, modern facilities, and dorm space (60 men, 60 women) available on site. Site is discreetly wet. (Legal drinking age in ND is 21!)

Fees: Site \$7 adults, \$3 under 12, under 3 free.
Send pre-registration to Sue Charter, address below. Checks should be in US funds and payable to "SCA-Shire of Midewinde"

Meals: Saturday Breakfast: \$2, Simple Supper Saturday night: \$5, under 12 \$3
Activities: [Theme is Dependents Uprising] Archery: novelty shoots, and IKAC on Sunday; Rapier: Town, Field, and Champions Battles; Heavy Combat: Town, Field, and Champions Battles. (Remember! Middle Kingdom combat rules will apply. Proof of membership and authorization required to fight!)

Event Stewards:
Lord Ian MacTawisch (Howard Hannan)
701-838-0556
email: ianmact@minot.com

Lady Iseabail deBohun (Sue Charter)
162-1 Winding
Way, MAFB, ND
58704

701-727-6085 No calls after 9pm please.
email: charter@ndak.net

DIRECTIONS: On US side take best route to Rugby ND on US Highway 2; go north on ND Hwy 3 to ND Hwy 43 West. Further directions into the park will be posted by SCA signs. On Canadian side take Hwy 10 to ND Hwy 43, and also follow the SCA signs.

On the Pleasures of Food

Submitted by: Lady Julianna

Pleasures may be divided into six classes, to wit: food, drink, clothes, sex, scent and sound. Of these, the oldest and most consequential is food: for food is the body's stay, and the means of preserving life. No other pleasure can be enjoyed, unless a man has good health, to which food is ancillary. It is not prohibited to take delight in food, or to occupy oneself and specialize in it, for indeed God says: "Say, who hath made unlawful the adornment of God which he brought forth for his servants, and the wholesome things of sustenance?"

Likewise, whenever the Prophet was invited by any of his companions to partake of food with him which he had prepared to the best of his ability, according to his light, he did not refuse.

13th century Muhammed ibn al-Hassan ibn Muhammed ibn al-Karim al-Katib el-Baghdadi

From the Groaning Board

The following dish, **Crustade Lombarde**, was served at King Richard's feast in 1387. The recipe comes from the **Fourme of Cury** (**Manner of Cooking**). It was written down about A.D. 1390.

Crustade Lombarde

Take good creme, and levys of Percely, and Eyroun, the yolkys and the whyte, and breke hem ther-to, and strayne thorwe a straynoure tyl it be so styf that it wol bere hyn-self. Than take faynre Marwe and Datys y-cutte in ij or iij and Prunes and putte the Datys and the Prunes and marwe on a fayre Cofynne y-mad of fayre past and put the cofyn on the oven tyl it be a lytel hard. Thanne draw hem out of the oven. Take the lycour and putte ther-on and fylle it uyppe and caste Sugre y-now on, and if it be in lente, let the Eyroun and the Marwe out and thanne serve if forth.

Luke my sword, sharp and bright-edged,
John my shield, made beautiful in glory, Seraph of those who
travel.Forth I Fare; I shall find friends,
All the inspiration of angels, the counsel of the blessed.
I pray now to the god of victory, to the mercy of God,
For a good journey, a mild and gentle
Wind from these shores. I have heard of winds
Which rouse whirling waters. Thus ever preserved
From all fiends may i meet friends,
So that I may dwell i the Almighty's protection,
Guarded from the enemy who weeks my life,
Set amid the glory of the angels,
And in the holy hand of the Mighty One of heaven,
Whilst I may live in this life. ---Amen.

Translated by Professor Gordon

A Pictorial Record of Medicinal Herbs

Submitted by: Phil of Herrfjord





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