

A thought for March

“Live now, yesterday is over and tomorrow may not be.”

Musings

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BARONY OF
BOREALIS



**BOREALIS BARONIAL CALENDARS
(STANDING)**

Canton of Stonewoff

(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.

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 Gwyneth o Coedanue (Marsha Bremner, 478-1505)

BULLETIN BOARD

The Rules of Courtly Love

Researched by: Æthelstan of Carlisle

1. Marriage is no real excuse for not loving.
2. He who is not jealous cannot love.
3. No one can be bound by a double love.
4. It is well known that love is always increasing or decreasing.
5. That which a lover takes against the will of his beloved has no relish.
6. Boys do not love until they arrive at the age of maturity.
7. When one lover dies, a widowhood of two years is required of the survivor.
8. No one should be deprived of love without the very best of reasons.
9. No one can love unless he is impelled by the persuasion of love.
10. Love is always a stranger in the home of avarice.
11. It is not proper to love any woman whom one would be ashamed to marry.
12. A true lover does not desire to embrace in love anyone except his beloved.
13. When made public, love rarely endures.
14. The early attainment of love makes it of little value; difficulty of attainment makes it prized.
15. Every lover regularly turns pale in the presence of his beloved.
16. When a lover suddenly catches sight of his beloved, his heart palpitates.
17. A new love puts to flight an old one.
18. Good character alone makes any man worthy of love.
19. If love diminishes, it quickly fails and rarely revives.
20. A man in love is always apprehensive.
21. Real jealousy always increases the feeling of love.
22. Jealousy, and therefore love, are increased when one suspects his beloved.
23. He whom the thought of love vexes eats and sleeps very little.
24. Every act of a lover ends in the thought of his beloved.
25. A true lover considers nothing good except what he thinks will please his beloved.
26. Love can deny nothing to love.
27. A lover can never have enough of the solaces of his beloved.
28. A slight presumption causes a lover to suspect his beloved.
29. A man who is vexed by too much passion usually does not love.
30. A true lover is constantly and without intermission possessed by the thought of his beloved.
31. Nothing forbids one woman from being loved by two men or one man by two women.

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AVACAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January to June 1999

What's on in March

Once again we go to war. Winter war will be held on March 13/14 in Camrose. Come and fight those who would invade our lands. Event copy not in.

What's on in April

Spring Faire is being held in Veraquilon on the weekend of April 18. There will be our new Baron and Baroness will begin their rule this day, there will be a prize rapier tournament, A & S display and courses, great food and much much more. Event copy to be published in March issue.

What's on in June

WAR, again hear the cry to take up arms and protect our Barony. June 25-28 sees Quad War held within the borders of Borealis. Event copy not in.

HELP WANTED

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Position Available as of March 1, 1999
For more information please call Morgan of Devonview (487-1795)

GOT ANY GOOD IDEAS FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES, TAVERNS, OR WEEKEND EVENTS

- contact your new Canton Chatelaine, NINEVH (Sandra Dexter 419-2562); OR your new Canton Seneschal, ASHA (Janet Muse, 456-6542). Let's make the ASCA happen together.

ALL IN THE ASKING

The autocrats for Investiture in Valleywold this weekend have very kindly arranged for the An Tir Spinners Guild to have space to set up a display. The display includes examples of fleece from period sheep breeds as well as tools for processing the fiber. A bibliography will be available for those interested.

There will also be a contest for the most productive new spinner. I'll show you how to spin at this event, and the person who can spin the most yarn during the event will receive a spindle and a bag of rovings (carded fleece, ready to spin). I plan to hold this contest from now on at every event I attend; so come on over to the Spinners Guild display and give spinning a whorl!

In service,
Nan Compton

FROM THE CHRONICLER

This past month has been full of changes. We will be starting A & S classes in March. A class list will either be posted at Tavern or read during the business meeting. For further information you may talk to H.L. Connet.

I am looking for a research assistant. The position is a challenging one as you would be responsible for researching members personas.

I hope March finds all well.

*In Your Service,
Lady Morgan of Devonview*



Viking Wisdom (Volsunga Saga - Wise Words of Brynhild)

Now behold the fourth rede:
If evil witch bideth
Woe-begetting by the way,
It is good to go further
Rather than guesting there,
Though thick night be on thee.

For the sixth thing, I rede
When men sit a-drinking
Amid ale-words and ill-words,
Strive thou naught
With the drunken fight-staves
For wine stealeth wit from many.

Far-seeing eyes
Need all sons of men
Who wend in wrath to war;
For baleful women
Bide oft by the highway,
Swords and hearts to soften.

Brawling and drink
Have brought unto men
Sorrow sore oft enow;
Yea, bane unto some,
And to some weary bale;
Many are the griefs of mankind.

And now the fifth rede:
Fair though thou seest
Brides on the bench abiding,
Let not love's silver
Rule over thy sleeping;
Draw no woman to thee with kissing.

In humble service,
Gryphon

Rapier War Academy----April 10-11, 1999
Wastekeep---Tri-Cities

Don 'Black' Jack Tyler invites you to join him and other Dons in the Barony of Wastekeep to increase your war skills and knowledge at RAPIER WAR ACADEMY,

Classes will include: Marshalling Rapier Combat, Chivalry and Eitquette in the SCA, Building an An Tir Rapier, Siege with Gunpowder, The Fighting Mindset- Tourney, Melee, and Practice, Improving the Game--Instruction to Fix Your Problems, The ABC's Explained-Discussion of the '97 Revisions for Rapier, Rapier War Tactics, Medieval Firearms to 1650, Tactics for Light Troops, PLUS: English Country Dance, Dressing a Cavalier and Late Period Cooking. **There is the possibility of more classes being added. Ithra credit may be available for the classes** There will be a 'practical' application of what is learned in Rapier War Tactics on the field Sunday morning. The daysite is the Hanford Training Center---no weapons allowed on site and it is DRY. The site fee is \$5.

Black Jack Tyler's infamous "Spitting Duck Tavern" will be open Saturday evening to one and all. The site fee is \$5, it is discretely wet--all laws apply, limited parking. Directions to the Unitarian Church, Kennewick, may be obtained from the Autocrat.

Pre-registration for classes is required! The information packet, listing all the classes on the final schedule, maps to the daysite, Tavern site and war practicum site, crash space information, etc. is available starting March 1st.

The last day registration will be accepted is April 1st. Please contact the Autocrat HL Rosamund fitzGilbert (Linda Morris), 7230 Rd. G NW, Ephrata, Wa., 98823, phone # 1-509-787-1150--machine on duty, NO calls after 10pm please, or e-mail her at: JT MUNDANE@aol.com

The Groaning Board Library of Recipes

We receive many requests for recipes used for various feasts over the year. To encourage the populace to try new and exciting foods we will (from time to time) publish the ones we have researched.

Included with each recipe will be a short history of the dish. History is a major part of any "really good" food. It enhances the taste by creating mystery and timelessness; and adds the flavor of atmosphere that makes the food all the more enjoyable.

Douce Ame (Sweet Measure)

The following is for Douce Ame (Sweet Measure) and comes from the "Forme of Cury (Manner of Cooking)" commissioned by Richard II for his coronation feast.

Take gode cowe mylke and do it in a pot. Take pارسel, sawge, ysope, savray and oother gode herbes. Hewe hem, and do hem in the mylke and seeth hem, clarified. Salt it and colour it with safron and serve it forth.

1 chicken or same weight in chicken breasts
½ c. Flour (with salt and pepper)
3 tbsp oil
3c. milk
1/3 c. honey
¼ tsp sage
¼ tsp savory
saffron to taste (1 to 2 tsp)
½ c. pine nuts
parsley for garmish

Dredge fowl in flour mixture. Brown chicken in oil until golden. Place browned fowl in saucepan. Combine mild, honey and herbs in a bowl, and use to deglaze pan. Pour mixture over fowl. Cover and simmer for about ½ to ¾ of an hour or until sauce has thickened and chicken is cooked. Check seasoning. Stir in pine nuts just before serving. Serve on a bed of rice, garnish with parsley. Enjoy.

Barony of Borealis Events

Spring Faire
April 17, 1999

The Barony of Borealis wishes to invite you to Spring Faire, to be held in the canton of Veraquilon on April 17, 1999. Join Their Royal Majesties, Aveloc and Laurellen, Their Highnesses Shamus and Esperanza and our Baronial populace in witnessing the investiture of a new Baron and Baroness, John Macleod the Black and Kirstin Macbeath.

The annual Baronial Arts & Sciences Competition will be a triathlon style event. Also being held is a Rapier Prize Tourney. Our heavy fighters are not left out, as they have armouring classes. A&S courses will be held (rattan sword, rules of fighting, helmet liners, card weaving, intro to SCA, footwear, headgear, embroidery are a few being prepared).

Merchants are welcome (fees are being waived). Please call for reservations early.

A detailed schedule of times will be published upon approval of Their Royal Majesties.

Courts will be held throughout Saturday.

10am – Hall Opens

11am – Rapier Inspection and A&S Submissions

12pm – Rapier Tourney Begins

1-3pm – Tavern Style Lunch Available (nominal cost)

Cost: Off Board \$5.00

On Board \$15.00 14 and over

\$ 5.00 6 to 13

Free for under 6

Directions: Steele Heights Community League Hall 5825 - 140 Ave, Edmonton, AB. Using your best route to Hwy 16 (Yellowhead Hwy), turn North on 66 St, turn right on 140 Ave (follow the signs after that).

Greetings unto the Kingdom of Calontir, Kingdom of An Tir and the Principality of Avacal,

In the western lands of the Middle Kingdom and the Principality of Northshield, lies lands of beauty and wealth matched by few places in the known world. They are called the Black Hills.

For many years a single shire, known as Schattentor, has held vigilance over protecting these lands for it's King and Prince. Rumors have long abounded that perhaps the Kingdom of Artemisia or the Kingdom of the Outlands, whom have borders with this shire, would launch an attack and overtake the gold mines and perhaps search for the fabled Camelot (the Black Hills beauty is so great many scholars have assumed it lies in these lands).

Prince Tarrach and Princess Fionna, right mindful of Schattentors plight have decided to issue a challenge to both Kingdoms. Not only are the armies of the three kingdoms challenged, but so are the fencers, archers, artisans, and all gentles in questing activities! (25 war points- 5 armored combat, 5 Arts & Sciences, 5 Archery, 5 Period Rapier, & 5 Questing) Of course all gentles are invited to a night of feasting and dancing (the main course of the feast will be wild boar).

Recently we have heard that gentles from other kingdoms are interested in Northshields hospitality. On behalf of TSH's of Northshield, I would like to invite gentles from other kingdoms to join or fight against Northshield at "Quest for Camelot" on May 14-16th in the Shire of Schattentor (Custer, SD). Already gentles from Avacal and Calontir have expressed interest so this may well be a border skirmish involving 5 kingdoms!

For more information, contact me or look at our web page at:
<http://www.gwtc.net/~julio/Quest.html>

Yours in service,

Lord Julio Gava'n

CDH CCK Constable of Northshield

Deputy Principality Earl Marshal for Western Northshield (MAN, ND, & SD)

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Please contact the autocrat for feast reservations and crash space by April 10, 1999.

Autocrat - Asha Delgejin (mka Janet Muise)
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jmuise@connect.ab.ca

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Greetings unto all Avacal members of the peerages! I wish to thank those of you who responded to the King's query regarding your desire to hold peerage meetings at Spring Faire. Most of those who responded indicated a desire to see these take place, thus I have scheduled them (can be changed at TRM discretion)as:

10:30 Laurels
11:30 Knights
12:30 Pelicans

My appologies those who are not peers for using the commons for such a posting, but it saved me alot of time.

Thanks again

Adeline

