



THE AURORA



AS XXXV

(May 2000)

Greetings to Our Populace



As the deadline for submission for the position of Baron and Baroness of Borealis ended as of May 1st, the following people submitted resumes.

**HL Marcus Wynniatt and
HL Rhowyn Arden the Bard**

**Lady Sidonia Dokianos and
Lord Magnus the Hunter**

**Mistress Joan the Just of Lismore Isle and
Master Cennet ap Llangollen**

**Lord Valgard af hus Vendrer and
Lady Edwina of Loxley**

We would like to add that we are pleased by the number of responses we have received for the position of Baron and Baroness and that the people come from all of the far flung areas of this mighty barony. We wish them all good luck and good fortune as the selection process continues. We are hoping to do the polling at the beginning of June in conjunction with local canton meetings that occur on or about that time. Thank you.

**JOHN AND KIRSTIN
BARON AND BARONESS OF BOREALIS**
(for a little longer)

SPRING FAIRE

A cool breeze promising spring blew across a field. It is a field full of many finely dressed gentles, blades in hand ready to show their skills in acquiring the Silverwolf Champion of Rapier.

Competition was intense especially since Montengarde's finest also showed up in their lust for the Provost's Cup.

Blades swung and rang all afternoon, glinting in the sunlight, while friend & foe alike fell in pools of imaginary blood only to arise and fight again.

As the dust settled, and bodies were dragged away, Baron John MacLeod the Black strode unto the field and welcomed his new rapier champion, Lord Dante. The Provost's Cup was also awarded unto Don Rodrigo as winner of the field.

In the background to this drama, heavy fighters knocked each other senseless in their proneness, and archers plied their deadly skill. Merchants arrived to show their fantastic wares and many coins were exchanged during the day.

The Lost Vikings demonstrated that they can not only fight, they can also cook! Wulfgar of the Lost Vikings was awarded the Golden Spoon for the meal he had prepared upon which the entire populace exploded with gratitude for a meal of such wondrous quality, it may never be matched!

The wondrous feast was served by the entire Lost Vikings, then Viscount Angar Nine Fingers hosted a fantastic Bardic which, at times, had the populace in stitches laughing or weeping with the sweet sound of a harp.

The wonderful evening was concluded by a belly dance competition. Lady Morgan the Generous held the crowd completely spellbound, but it was Lady Asha Delgijin who captivated all with her dance, as well as her knives, to win the competition.

From Battle to Feast, Bardic to Belly Dancing, Spring Faire was captivating.

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Barony of Borealis

Statement of Income and Expenses For the Year Ending December 31, 1999

	1999	1998
Opening Balance January 1	3,679.35	4,248.51
Income (Baronial Activities and Sales)		
Quad War '98	92.73	
Winter War '99	1,799.81	
Silverwolf '99	2,387.10	
Donation from Veraquilon tavern	47.48	
Rattan stick	35.00	
Newsletter subscriptions & sales	<u>84.00</u>	
	<u>4,446.12</u>	<u>1,633.97</u>
	8,125.47	5,882.48
Expenses		
Winter War '99	941.94	
Silverwolf '99	1,735.83	
Newsletter printing and postage	256.62	
Gifts from Sargentry	145.91	
First Aid supplies	50.00	
Seneschal's postage, etc.	44.78	
Scribe's supplies	67.84	
Device submissions	217.00	
Banking charges	<u>4.00</u>	
	<u>3,463.92</u>	<u>2,203.13</u>
Closing Balance December 31	4,661.55	3,679.35
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Bank Reconciliation: December 31, 1999		
Bank balance	<u>4,661.55</u>	
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Funds Reconciliation: December 31, 1999		
Kingdom	8.71	8.71
Principality	33.71	33.71
Baronial general fund	3,782.59	2,529.34
Aurora (newsletter)	147.28	319.90
Sargeants'	562.34	708.25
Regalia	47.48	
Constable	31.84	31.84
Chatelaine/Steward	37.82	37.82
Pied Piper	<u>9.78</u>	<u>9.78</u>
	<u>4,661.55</u>	<u>3,679.35</u>
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Minutes of the April 8, 2000 meeting of the Barony of Borealis held at Spring Faire in Sand Hills Hall in the Canton of Veraquilon

Meeting called to order at 4:40 P.M.

Attendance: Valgard af Hus Vendrer, Aethelstan aet Cardeol, Finn O'Neill, Dante, Magnus the Hunter, Angar Ninefingers, Morgan the Generous, Hayhurst the Swiss Wanderer, Asha Delgejin, Adeline von Schwarzwald, Baron John MacLeod the Black, Cennet ap Llangollen, Joan the Just and Mordecai Saltzer.

Chair: Gwynaeth O Coedaneu

Acting Secretary: Dagmar af Hjorring

Meetings of the previous meeting were published in the April issue of the Aurora.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Exchequer: (H.L. Dagmar af Hjorring): Current balance \$2,640.78. No proceeds from Winter War or the Ithra feast have been received yet.

Herald: (Lord Aethelstan aet Cardeol): Some of our group submissions conflicted and some were deemed not to be in period style. Master Mordecai held a Branch Heraldry course at the Ithra. He has done some consulting and would like to purchase a file container for the growing amount of heraldry records. Approved by consensus.

Chatelaine: (Lord Dante): There have been many inquiries from potential new members and they have been referred to the appropriate people. Sixteen new people in attendance at Spring Faire. October 14th is the new date for the West Edmonton Mall demo which Ladyship Gwynaeth has booked with Calendar. It has been suggested that the demo be scaled back to a smaller size of about 50 SCA participants. His Excellency Viscount Angar will captain the armoured fighting; Master Mordecai will organize the dancers. People are still needed to arrange the rapier and archery segments. Silver City wants a large number of fighters for a photo opportunity with the dragon. The New Horizon School demo has been changed to their Sunday, June 25th picnic. They want Arts and Sciences demonstrations as well as fighting for the Grade 5 and 6 classes who have read 'Ivanhoe'.

Rapier: (Lord Dante): There are new rules regarding armour standards. There will be light battles at Quad War. The cantons of Vingard and Veraquilon are fielding a good number of rapier fighters, but things are slow in Stonewolf.

Chronicler: (Lord Finn): The first issue of the Aurora to be given out for free is available. Someone is needed to handle the distribution of future issues in Veraquilon and Stonewolf.

Arts and Sciences: (Master Cennet): Leora will be the Veraquilon Deputy. He is still looking for a someone to take over his office.

Master of Stables: Not present. Mistress Joan reported that he was pleased most armour passed at Winter War and thanked Valgard and Fenric for their help at the list table.

Constable: (Lord Valgard): He would like space on the web page to list and possibly show the lost and found. Aethelstan has some items lost at tavern nights. Valgard hopes to have an auction of unclaimed items at Silverwolf. There are deputies in Veraquilon and Vingard.

Chiurgen: (Viscount Angar): No injuries for six months other than minor ones requiring band-aids. He will check out the oxygen tank and regulator available for sale and then get a cheque from the exchequer if the equipment is satisfactory. Expected price is \$300.00 to \$400.00. He is now the Principality officer and is actively recruiting deputies. He has not been receiving any reports. Bee sting or allergy kits must be the responsibility of individuals as they require a prescription.

Web Master: (Master Mordecai): Any officer can have space on the web page for business.

List Mistress: - Not present.

Baron John MacLeod the Black: People who wish to be considered for the office of Baron and/or Baroness have until the end of April to apply. Names will be posted for one month's consideration before the poll at the beginning of June. (Valgard said we should let people know that they won't have to pay any site fees at tavern or fighter practise if they just want to vote.) The poll should not be treated as a popularity contest, but as a way to indicate general support for all those whose decisions you would respect. Resumes should feature your name, length of time in the SCA, experience, awards and the direction you think the barony should go. Copies go to the Baron and Baroness, Prince and Princess, and King and Queen.

Seneschal: (Ladyship Gwynaeth): Baronial reports are due May 1st; therefore, canton reports are due April 15th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lord Dante reports that Sand Hills Hall is available for Silverwolf. Vingard can't host the event.

Ladyship Gwynaeth will be stepping down as seneschal in three months. The position will be advertised in the Aurora. Resumes should be sent to her, the baron and baroness, and the Principality seneschal.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.□

Animal Prices

Here's a brief summary of the value of domestic animals in medieval Welsh law. Note that the age of the animal affects its value. Values are given in "legal pence" -- i.e., using a standard reference amount, although actual payment would most likely be in kind rather than coinage.

Horses

fetus - 14 days old = 4 p
15 days - 1 year = 24 p
2-3 year = 48 p
4 year until trained = 60 p
destrier = 240 p
palfrey = 120 p
sumpter = 120 p
draft horse = 60 p
untrained horse = 60 p

(there follows the value of various equine body-parts)

Cattle

Female

birth - Winter Kalends = 6 p
>from Winter Kalends, 2p more for each season until first pregnancy
at first pregnancy + 4p
while pregnant, 2p more for each season until calving
after calving 40p total
then until the 2nd calving, 2p more for each season
then through the 5th calf 60 p total
afterward, by appraisal

Male

(similarly to female, except the mile-stones are based on ploughing rather than calving)

Pigs

birth until "it goes grubbing" = 1p
from then until weaned (3 mo. old) = 2p
then until St. John's Day = 4p
St. John's Day until New Year = 15p
New Year until following St. John's Day, + 4p
afterward = 30 p total

Sheep and Goats

birth to Winter Kalends = 1p
Winter Kalends until 1 year old = 2p
after that = 4p
a ram = twice that (8p)_

Cats

birth until eyes are open = 1p
thence until it kills mice = 2p
after it kills mice = 4p

Poultry

goose = 1p
gander = 2p
brooding goose = 1/2 p for each chick
hen = 1p
cock = 2p
chick, until it can fly = 1 farthing
after than until sexual maturity = 1/2 p

Dogs

(Here we hit another facet of the Welsh legal system: value was affected by social status as well as by inherent worth.)

The King's Dogs

Staghounds
- birth to opening eyes = 15 p
- thence until it leaves the kennel = 30 p
- one year old = 60 p

- an unskilled adult hound = 120 p
- a skilled adult hound = 240 p
Lapdog = 240 p

A Nobleman's Dogs

Staghounds -- half the value of a king's hound (at any given stage)
Greyhound -- ditto (although the value of a king's greyhound wasn't given)
Lapdog = 240 p

A Free Man's Dogs

Lapdog = 120 p

A Villein's Dogs

Lapdog (or any other type of dog) = 4 p

Misc. Dogs (owner unspecified)

Herding dog = the value of the most valuable beast it guards
Guard Dog = 24 p if on duty, if not there is no value

Falcons

the nest = 240 p
a "red" chick (before fledging?)
- king's = 120 p
- nobleman's = 60 p
a "white" bird (after fledging?)
- king's = 240 p
- nobleman's = 120 p
a tiercel (i.e. male falcon) = 24 p

Sparrowhawks

nest = 24 p
"red" chick = 12 p
"white" = 24 p

Any bird of prey belonging to a villein = 1 p

Bees

- an old colony = 24 p
- first swarm (of the year?) = 16 p
- a swarm from that one = 12 p
- a "bull" swarm (meaning unclear) = 12 p
- a swarm from that one = 8 p
- a swarm that occurs after August = 4 p
the values of swarms hold until Winter Kalends and after that they count
as "old colonies" at 24 p, except for a post-August swarm which doesn't
attain full value until May Day.
- a queen bee = 24 p

Deer

- Winter Kalends to St. John's Day = 60 p
- St. John's Day to Winter Kalends (the hunting season) = 780 p [sic]

Misc. Wild Animals

- badger -- no value
- hare -- no value
- wolf and fox -- no value
- any wild animal kept as a pet
- of the king or queen = 240 p
- of a nobleman = 120 p
- of a villein = 1 p
- beaver = 120 p
- marten = 24 p

It's hard to set up a comparison scale for these values

based on, for example, a day's skilled labor, because the value of labor depends on the status of the person doing it. For example, a value of a day's ploughing in the spring is set at 1p. One comparison scale might be found in the nature and value of the "food render" -- i.e., the "tax" in kind paid twice yearly by each manor in a lord's control. The winter render due from a "free" manor consists of:

- a horse-load of the best flour
- a meat steer
- a vat of mead
- seven thraves (bundles) of oats for fodder
- a 3-y.o. pig
- a salted flitch of bacon three fingers thick
- a tub of butter three fist-breadths deep and three wide

and for this 240 p can be substituted, with the expectation that half will go for bread, a quarter for drink, and a quarter for everything else.

One other thing to keep in mind about the legal values of things noted above is that these amounts are set for compensation, not for purchase (although presumably the two are related). So these amounts are what you would have to pay if you caused the destruction of an animal (or its usefulness) rather than being what you would pay to buy one. A comparison can be seen if you look up the individual legal values of the components of the food render, to the extent that they can be found listed:

- a horse-load of the best flour = ?
- a meat steer = 60p
- a vat of mead = ?
- seven thraves of oats @ 4p/thrave = 28p
- a 3-y.o. pig = 30p
- a salted flitch of bacon = ?
- a tub of butter = ?

It isn't clear where the oats go in the accounting of the 240p money equivalent, but the steer and pig alone add higher than the theoretical 60p "everything else" category. So if the cash alternative for the food render is intended as what it would cost to purchase the components, then it's clear that the "legal value" of animals is set higher than their actual market value.

And furthermore, the law texts as we have them were compiled over a period of several centuries. It is unclear to what extent actual market prices/costs remained stable over that period or to what extent the legal valuations eventually became disconnected with reality.

Economics is not one of my specialties.

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Chroniclers Scrawl



Greetings Friends,

I was truly amazed at the positive reaction to the April "Online" Aurora. It was a success because it seemed EVERYONE read it! I hit a few technical pains, and of which I am not sure have been completely resolved in the .PDF format, but the HTML version is set up and quite straight forward from here on in. Preparing the HTML format is time consuming, though, and will be available several days later than the .PDF and hard copy printed format this month.

A feature not previously announced has debuted in this issue. The "Bulletin Board" is an opportunity for anyone in Borealis to make a comment, request, or announcement. I also leave this open for Borealis SCA merchants to announce their wares. Contact information must be included, and I will be the final judge on suitable content. Send any announcements to me marked "Bulletin Board".

We soon will be into the War Season with much action and defeated enemies to report on, but I also need more Arts & Science stuff! I also need more war stuff, too! What it boils down to is I need submissions from you and Borealis has HUGE talent & skill so let us tell the Known World of Borealis!

In Your Service,

LORD FINN ONEILL
BOREALIS CHRONICLER



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