

the AURORA



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Seasons Greetings unto the populace of Borealis,

Well, winter is once again upon us, as can be foretold by the snow that arrived last week has not yet retreated. We wish you all a very safe and warm winter and a joyous holiday season well into the New Year. Fall proved to be a very exciting time for Borealis. We thank all of those who autocratted, feast o cratted and volunteered at the events for their superb efforts. As well, our appreciation goes out to all those who made the effort to attend Silverwolf, Avacal Serjeants Trials, the Bardic Collegium and Archery Tournament and Vinfest.

Congratulations to our new Champions Sq. Wernar the Wild (heavy) and Lord Deicyn Moel (light) for their outstanding performances in the Silverwolf Tournaments. Sir Angar and Lord Ridil proved themselves to be devoted, capable champions over the past year and they each held very challenging competitions to choose their successors. Borealis continuously shows the strength and might of its combatants in tournaments and upon the War fields.

Avacal Serjeants Trials were a grand show of camaraderie and challenges. All who participated are to be congratulated on a fantastic exhibition of talent and perseverance. It is a tribute to the strength of Avacal to witness Serjeantry of all three Baronies come together and work as one cohesive team in their planning, foresight and skills.

The Bardic Collegium and Archery Tournament went off flawlessly, thanks to a committed autocrat team and eager teachers and participants. It was a wonderful opportunity for sharing and learning and a glorious showcase of the talents of Avacal's archers and performers. We hope to see more organized performances at feasts within Borealis, as it was truly a great evening.

Our thanks to Their Highnesses Prince Ivar and Princess Asney for elevating the incipient canton of Vingaard to full status as the full canton of Vinjar at Vinfest. It was a memorable evening, complete with grape mashing and of course Dudley the Dragon. We are now officially a Barony comprised of three Cantons. Huzzah for all those who worked so hard over the past four years to create Vinjar and help it grow and blossom.

A final reminder that we are expecting each gentle who resides in Borealis to work towards submitting a single A&S entry for the Kingdom A&S Competition or display to be held in Montengarde in March. The second Kingdom event to be held in Avacal in 2003 will be September Crown at the Quad War site. Please contact Baron Alfheim and Baroness Adeline if you would like to find out what onsite and offsite things need to be done as the event draws closer. Also, we would like to remind you all that we would appreciate any award recommendations you may have for Baronial, Principality or Kingdom awards. There are many talented and dedicated gentles within our lands that deserve to be recognized.

In grateful service to this wonderful Barony,
Baron Magnus and Baroness Sidonia



Baronial Progress:

November 29	Avacal Coronet Tournament in Sigelhundas
January 2003	Anticipated arrival of baby
February	Avacal Investiture in Vinjar
March	Kingdom A&S in Montengarde

Borealis News & Notes

Calling all those skilled Borealis Citizens,

We challenge you all to inundate the Kingdom A&S Competition in Montengarde in March 2003 with your talents and creations. It would please us greatly to see at least one entry from each gentle in our Barony so that you might experience what is involved in a Kingdom Level Competition and we might showcase all of the talent encompassed within our lands. For information regarding the handbook and judging forms go to: <http://www.currentmiddleages.org/artsci/champforms.htm>

This is an amazing opportunity and we would be more than pleased to help arrange transport for entries for those who might not be able to attend the event in person.

Thank you for your efforts,
Baron Magnus and Baroness Sidonia



There are several groups in the Barony dedicated to various activities:

- The Groaning Board is a cooking guild who puts on theme feasts throughout the year. Edwina of Loxley at edwina.loxley@shaw.ca
- Our Medieval Dance troupe rehearses every two weeks and performs at various demos and events. Catherine of the Rowan Tree at cjackel@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca
- We have a Fiber Arts guild called the Black Sheep Guild who get together to spin, weave, dye etc. You can contact Alynne of Kendal at lgot-tesf@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca
- There is a fighting household in Veraquilon known as the Lost Vikings. See them at:

<http://www.lostviking.com>



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Court Report

Huzzah to these Borealis gentles for their various awards!

30 June 2002 Quad War / Coronet

Her Ladyship Issabella of Raven's Rift – Griffin's Flame

Lord Einar Vikingsson – Silver Griffin

Lord Balinor Buchannah – Award of Arms

Lord Riddil – Award of Arms

Lord Thomas Alvarez – Award of Arms

Svetlana - Silver Griffin

17 Aug 2002 Investiture

Her Excellency Inga the Unfettered - Viscountess

Allister MacPherson – Avacal Champion of Arrows

Lord Devlyn Tremane – Award of Arms

5 Oct 2002 Vinfest

A Bhantiarna Sadb ingen Thuathail - Goutte de Sang

Borealis Webpage: <http://www.tnc.ab.ca/~sca/>

Borealis Email List

There has been an email list set up for the populace of Borealis and interested individuals to use. Visit <http://www.egroups.com/group/BaronyofBorealis> If you have trouble or do not wish to fill out a profile and want to subscribe please email Finn O'Neill at sfoster@telusplanet.net and I will subscribe you directly.

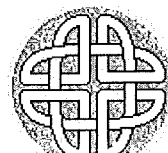
Champions of Borealis

Silverwolf Heavy: Squire Wernar the Wild

Silverwolf Light: Lord Deicyn Moel

Silverwolf Rapier: Lord Nikoli

Arts & Sciences: Serjeant Orin Rasmussen



Avacal Coronet

Sigelhundas

November 30-Dec 01
Regina, SK

Their Highnesses Prince Ivar and Princess Asney invite you to attend them in Sigelhundas, November 30th to choose the heirs to the thrones of Avacal!!

The tournament and feast will be held at All Saints Anglican Church, 142 Massey Rd, Regina, SK. The hall will open at 8am. Directions to the Sunday Curia will be provided at event.

Feast: \$16 (\$3 discount with membership)

- children ½ price

Site fee only: \$8 (\$2 discount with membership)

- children under 13: no site fee

A non-perishable food donation at the door for the food bank will get you \$1 off. Please make cheques payable to "QCSCA"

Tentative and very flexible schedule:

(at the whim of their Highnesses)

8:00 – Site Opens

8:30 - 9:30 Pelicans' Council

9:30 - 10:30 Laurels' Council

10:00 - Armour inspection begins; Lists open

10:30 - 11:30 Knights' Council

12:30 - Armour inspection ends; Lists close

1:00 - Invocation of the Lists; Coronet tourney begins

4:00 - Investiture of Tanist and Tanista

4:30 - 5:30 Squires' Tourney

5:30 - 6:30 Noble Estate

7:00 - Feast begins

Court between removes

Sunday curia: 10 a.m.

site closes: Sunday 2 p.m.

Directions to the hall :

(<http://sigelhundas.cavelier.net/map.jpg>)

From the South/West - Go north on Albert Street. Turn east at Gordon Road, Turn west onto Grand Road until it turns into Massey Road. The church will be on your left.

From the East/North - Follow Ring Road south until you come to Albert Street. Then follow the directions for the south.

To make reservations, ask questions, request crash space, etc contact Sedgha O Faelain: Ryan Summers; 3403 Jenkins Dr E, Regina, SK, S4V 1C7 at (306)789-6735, or email: sedgha@hotmail.com

For inquiries about food allergies please contact Thomas de Monet at (306)789-3185, or email: thomas_de_monet@hotmail.com

Twelfth Night

Montengarde

January 18, 2003
Calgary, AB

Come join the Barony of Montengarde for the celebration of Twelfth Night on January 18th, 2003!

Who will be the new Rapier Champion of Montengarde? Join Their Excellencies Thorwulf and Sine, Baron and Baroness of Montengarde as they witness the grace and skill presented by those who would protect them. The tournament will be run by two-time champion Lady Gemma Meena of Cur Elmo's Keep, Cadet to Don Raoul.

Lady Hero, Arts and Science Champion of Montengarde, will be hosting an Arts and Science display. Please bring your finest work to Twelfth Night and listen to the ohs and ahs of the populace!

Lord Malabar Membro Spacata, DragonBlinder of Montengarde, will be hosting an Archery Prize Tournament in the morning. The best of the best will be at the range to test their mettle against the Champion's devious targets.

There will also be a Heavy Prize Tournament run by Hrothgar, Squire to Sir Thorwulf and DragonSlayer of Montengarde. Challenge your might and chivalry against the finest fighters in Avacal.

An amazing feast with many period recipes to follow. Plus the naming of the new A&S and Service champions of Montengarde.

Site: Beddington Heights Community Hall (375 Bermuda Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta, T3K 2J5). Hall will be open at 10:00a.m. and close at Midnight. Feast will begin at 6:30.

Archery will be held at the Calgary Archery Range, 5905 11st St. SE Bay 1 in Calgary. All other tournaments will be held at the Beddington Heights Community Centre.

Fees: Feast: \$20.00, with membership: \$18.00

Site only: \$7.00, membership: \$6.00

Make cheques payable to: MSCA

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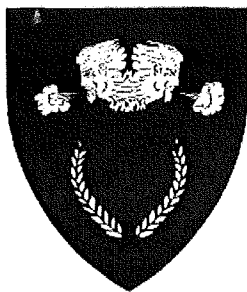
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Canton Of Veraquilon (Vatnsdalr)

Veraquilon Standing Monthly Calendar

Mondays:

Monday practices have been temporarily canceled due to site availability. The Canton is currently seeking a new practice venue. Questions about where to find us? Contact Inga @ 463-4445

Wednesdays:

1st Wednesday of the Month:

- 7:30pm Canton Curia/Business meeting; 8:30pm Tavern Night
Location: Capilano Community Hall, 10810 – 54 Street, Edmonton

All other Wednesdays:

- 7:30 to 9pm Dance practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, A&S Classes on the 3rd Wednesday of each month
- 7:30 to 10pm Fighter & Rapier practice. Cost: \$2 fee for participants, spectators join us for free!
Location: Glenora Community League. 10426 - 136 Street, Edmonton

QUESTIONS? Contact the Seneschal for more information.

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Greetings unto Veraquilon....soon to be Vatnsdalr!

Our submission to the College of Heraldry has been enormously well received and a great thanks is owed to the gentles that prepared the submission. The College described it as an exemplar of how such things are done. All is order and our official approval should be granted in the early New Year. So Veraquilon for now.....but not for much longer!

More changes! Please join me in welcoming two new officers in our Canton: Master of Arrows Allister MacPherson and Exchequer Steffan. Many thanks to the outgoing officers, Viscountess Cailleach Aine and Viscountess Valeria Hanzen, for their time, dedication and good service. Huzzah to all officers new and old. Your hard work is deeply appreciated.

This fall we have been faced with the challenge of dwindling practice and class space and are now down to one combined heavy, rapier, dance and A&S night per week. We continue to seek a new space, one that will meet our many and varied needs. Any suggestions or input is more than welcome. Many thanks to the fine gentles who have already done so!

Winter is now well upon us and the time for our annual St. Nicholas/Yule Feast draws near. I am saddened to report that since there is no autocrat for this event, it is now too late for it to be official. There is still time to prepare and celebrate the season together, so any gentles who wish to plan an informal potluck event are asked to contact me as soon as possible.

Congratulations to the Autocrats and Feastocrats and many other helping hands that made the Borealis Bardic & Performing Arts Collegium, Sherwood Forest Prize Tournament and Feast of Frolics the successes that they were. Due to their enormous hard work, gentles from all over Avacal we treated to a glorious weekend. Huzzah to you all!

It is a great honor to serve you once again as Seneschal. I thank you for the warm welcome and support and invite you to share any ideas you may have about how we may make the most of the great talent and potential within our Canton. I wish you all the joy and wonder of the season. May your homes be warm, your bellies full and may you be surrounded by the ones you love.

Yours in service,

Inga the Unfettered

Open Positions

Chatelaine - Canton of Veraquilon

Applications for this position will be accepted immediately. Those interested in this position should forward inquiries or resumes to the Veraquilon Seneschal, Viscountess Inga the Unfettered and Baron Magnus & Baroness Sidonia.



Canton Of Vinjar

Vinjar Standing Monthly Calendar

2nd Saturday: Monthly Feast and Officer's meetings , generally the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Wednesday: Fighter practice at 7:00—10:00 pm at the Sexsmith Secondary School. Contact Cyriac of Kent at 518-5892 (cyriac_of_kent@hotmail.com) or Deicyn Moel at 538-3946 (dpearcy@telusplanet.net).

Sunday: A&S gatherings - Contact Juhani O'Regan at 583-9911 or tguest@telusplanet.net for more information as subjects and days vary.

The home of Lady Sadb, Seneschal, shall also be open to anyone wanting to meet or needing help with A&S projects most Sunday afternoons. We also have a good sized library for research. Contact her at 354-3803 or (vfoster@telusplanet.net).

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Greetings Unto Vinjar,

Huzzah to you all for a job well done. Vinfest IV was not only a great success, but it marked our first day of full canton status. Many thanks to you all for helping to bring Their Highnesses, Prince Ivar and Princess Asney, to join in our harvest celebration. I am very proud to be your Seneschal and I am amazed at the work each of you do to make our Canton such a success! I look forward to the Canton of Vinjar's future endeavors.

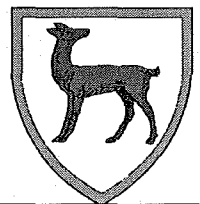
Welcome to all our newest members. Our numbers have grown incredibly these last few months. While I am welcoming gentles in Vinjar, I would also like to welcome our newest officer's. Our new Master of Stables will be Gunnar, our new Chatelaine is Skye and I believe Justina is going to be working with our youngest members of the Canton as the Pied Piper.

I would like to challenge each of our artisans to create an entry for the upcoming Avacal Investiture that will be held in our Canton this coming February. Remember, this entry should also be seen at the Kingdom A&S Competition that will be held in the Barony of Montengarde in March. Should you have questions regarding entries, please contact the Cystennin, Kingdom A&S Champion; Master James d'Orlean, Principality A&S Champion; Lady Bromwin the Mischeivious; Baronial A&S Chamion or Juhani; Baronial A&S Minister.

We are still looking for gentles to host(ess) a montly feast. The Black Box is booked so all that is needed is to announce it and perhaps pick a theme. Please contact me if you are interested or if you need more information.

Winter is nearly upon us. My wish to all of you is to enjoy your Yule season and know that you are a wonderful group of gentles and I am very proud to celebrate each season with you. Most of all, I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you.

Ever in Your Service,
A Bhantiarna Sadb ingen Thuathail
Seneschal - Canton of Vinjar



We are still in need of the following officer positions:

Chirurgion
Gold Key
Waterbearer

Although some have voiced interest in one of these positions, I have yet to be given a letter of intention. Please, should you be interested in an officer position; send a letter of intention and a brief resume to me at vfoster@telusplanet.net.

Vingard Officer's Meeting September 14, 2002

Commenced at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Sadb, Ravelley, Juhani, Adriene, Gunnar, Ayslyn, Stacey, David, Katla, Mike, Peter, Jason, Angus, Kazimierz, HE Magnus, John, Maighread

Old Business:

1. Vinfest IV

Reports from:

Co-autocrats: 20 beds remain open; 75 registered - 4 royalty, 4 under 6 (free)

Feastocrats: Ravelley & Juhani - menu?? Budget \$7 per plate

Breakfast: Karen & Kazimierz - eggs, bacon & toast? Budget \$1.50 per plate

Lunch: Need someone to head this up - to benefit the fighters - soup, lunch meats, cheese & buns; Budget \$2.50 per plate. - Gunnar is working on this. He will be asking for help. Please contact him if you are interested in helping.

Tavern: Deicyn - proceeds to benefit the fighters

Their Highnesses will be in attendance. We will be paying for Their airfare (approx. \$850). This evening's taxes will be allocated towards this cost.

Also, since the cost of Their Highnesses tickets will put our general funds low, it is suggested that the tavern monies change and go back to the general funds since the lunch proceeds will go to the fighters. Please send comments to Sadb.

I would like to see everyone make something to contribute toward the gift basket. Let's showcase our talent!!

2. Feasts:

Need volunteers to host/hostess the following feasts:

October - cancelled

November - April -

December - May -

January - June -

February - Deicyn

March -

Should no one volunteer, the feast will be cancelled. The black box is booked for the duration of the school year (Thanks to Maighread).

3. Upcoming Events:

Harvest Feast - Sept 21st - Bitter End

Bardic Collegium - Sept 28th - Vatnsdalr

Vinfest IV - October 5th - Vinjar

Myrganwood Anniversary - October 12th - Myrganwood

4. Officer's Reports:

Herald, Kazimierz: Order of Precedence is updated.

Exchequer, Maighread: Balance is \$1,739.40 of which \$118.55 was collected towards a fund for Yanvar of the Lost Vikings last year and the fighter's fund has \$151.00 bringing our general balance to \$1,469.85

MOS: Cyriac was not in attendance and since he will be stepping down as soon as Gunnar gets his membership and steps up, report was given by Gunnar. Fighter practice last Wednesday was great. We had 3-4 heavies fighting. We are working on getting a set of loaner gear for heavy fighters.

Minister of A&S, Juhani: Scribe's night will be October 10th at Juhani's house. Please contact him for more details. This coming February brings the Avacal A&S competition to Vinjar. March will see the Kingdom A&S competition held in Montengarde.

Master of Arrows, Deicyn: Looking for volunteers for marshals (combat archer) APD's & blunts must be in

Constable, John: Looking for people to help with constable duties at Vinfest. Volunteers must have a SCA membership.

Chirurgion, OPEN POSITION: No deaths and one injury to one of our fighters, but not within our lands.

Webmistress, Skye: Skye was not in attendance, Sadb reported for her. The website is coming along nicely. It will be on-line in the next month.

Borealis Chronicler, Finn: Finn was not in attendance, Sadb reported for him. There are copies of the Aurora available tonight. Next deadline will be October 20th.

Chatelaine, OPEN POSITION: Sadb reporting. We have had contact with new comers that will be in attendance tonight. I also have had contact with a gentle in Fort St. John who used to play years ago. There are more interested from Dawson Creek.

Gold Key, OPEN POSITION:

Water Bearer, OPEN POSITION: No one has dehydrated.

New Business:

5.) We have won the bid for February Investiture which will be held February 22, 2003. D-Coy Armoury has been rented and we are currently getting bids on caterers. This will entail having the A&S competition and Rapier competition as well as the changing of the Coronets.

6.) Fighters & fighter practice - 1. We do not have to pay for a hall for FP as other groups do. 2. We need to raise money for heavy & rapier "new" fighters - loaner gear! It had been agreed upon from the formation of our group that no monies would come from the general account for fighter gear, etc. So, it has been proposed that in September set out this payment schedule - Member \$50.00 per year, Non-member \$85.00 per year. If someone would like to pay monthly - Member \$5.00, non-member \$10.00.

This was brought up for discussion. Please contact Sadb (vfoster@telusplanet.net) or Deicyn (dpearcy@telusplanet.net) for concerns or comments. If we do not hear from you in the next week, you do not have a problem with this and it will go into effect.

7.) Officer's Meetings shall now be called "council."

8.) New guideline for all Baronial and Canton officers: any officer who does not report for two consecutive quarters will be asked to step down from their office. We have an obligation to report quarterly and if we do not do so we do not comply with corpora. Failure to comply with corpora can result in a group being disbanded.

9.) The Baronial Exchequer, HL Dagmar, has suggested that each canton have a P.O. box in the name of the canton so that when exchequer/seneschal's change, financial statements and other mailing can still be delivered to the same address, the key only need be passed along. What are your thoughts on this?? Where should the Box be?? Beaverlodge will give it to us at no cost.

11) QEII would like to borrow Gold Key for Halloween - in return they will give us a booth to display Vinjar brochures and will feature us in the Misthia newsletter. Ravelley has more information?? This was approved by all in attendance.

Other Business:

None

Canton Of Stonewolf

Stonewolf News & Notes

Stonewolf Standing Monthly Calender

Wednesday: 6:30 pm every week: Meeting, fighter practice and arts & sciences at R.A. Reynolds School 4 Wing Cold Lake

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