

Montenarde Activities

Archery

When: Friday and Saturdays from 6:00 to 9:00pm.

Where: Calgary Archery Centre (4855 - 47th Street SE, Calgary).

Cost: \$7.00 each (lane fees payable to the centre).

Details: Unlike most venues, we do not have exclusive use of the facility. It is a private business and the lane fee discount (it's normally \$8) is a courtesy. Please be courteous to the staff and non-SCA patrons in return. As a place of business you can practice archery any time the centre is open - contact the Captain of Archers for information on other times.

Arts & Sciences Night

When: Every Thursday Evening 6:30 - 9:30.

Where: Rehabilitation Society of Calgary (#7-11th Street NE, Calgary).

Cost: \$3.00 each (to cover hall fees)

Council

When: Third Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00pm.

Where: Lower meeting room, Calgary Co-op (540 - 16th Avenue NE).

Cost: none

Details: The meeting room can be a little hard to find. Go to the back of the dairy aisle, through the set of doors marked *Authorized Personnel Only* and down the stairs. It's right next to the broken washroom marked *Beware of the Leopard*.

Dance Practice

When: Every Thursday Evening 6:30 - 9:30.

Where: Rehabilitation Society of Calgary (#7-11th Street NE, Calgary).

Cost: \$3.00 each (to cover hall fees)

Fight Practice

When: Every Thursday Evening 6:30 - 9:30.

Where: Rehabilitation Society of Calgary (#7-11th Street NE, Calgary).

Cost: \$3.00 each (to cover hall fees).

Music Group

When: Every Tuesday from 7:00 to 10:00pm.

Where: Althea 's house.

Cost: none

Contact: Margareta (melaena2@telus.net) for directions.

Tavern

When: Fourth Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 11:30pm.

Where: Banff Trail Community Association (2115 - 20th Avenue NW, Calgary)

Cost: \$3.00 each (to cover hall fees)

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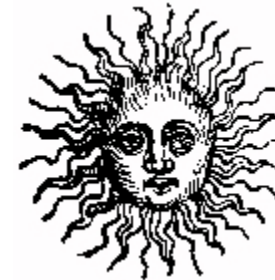
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From the Minotaur's Chair

To My Dear Populace of Montengarde

I hope every one had a safe and happy Holiday. Or maybe you have been using every spare moment to finish your Twelfth night Garb. I know I have done that a time or two.

We have a lot of People in our group that have now been playing for over a year but still feel very new. If you fall into this category do not feel shy about asking questions of others or about trying new things. I have been playing for over six years and I'm learning things all the time. If you feel like you want to get more involved ask someone you know who has played for awhile what you can do to get more involved. I will give some service suggestions

Volunteer for a vacant officer position if you think the job will suit you and you have the time. Most officer don't need to invest more then one hour a week to do the job.

All Council officers need deputies Deputies help out on projects to better the group with out the responsibilities of being on council.

Volunteer to help autocrat or feastocrat. If you are part of a team you can see what's involved and have some fun as well.

Feel free to come to me. I can always find you something to do.

The most important thing to remember is that what ever you choose to do for the group or at an event it is something that you do not hate and hopefully you can enjoy. Try different things if you do not like the task you do not have to keep doing it event after event, that's a quick way to loose your joy of the game.

Hero The Responsible
The very proud Baroness of Montengarde

Da'ud Bob ibn Briggs Goes to the Movies

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Well, you know I just had to get around to reviewing this one sooner or later. I mean, if there is one movie which has set the standard for everyone who wants to film a play by Shakespeare, this is it. It's the one that everyone looks to, and the one that everyone tries to at least equal if not exceed. (Some do, most don't. After all, this one won four Oscars, including Best Actor and Best Picture) So of course I had to review it. And it's got such a great narrative introduction: "So oft it chanceth in particular men / That through some vicious mole of nature in them, / By the o'ergrowth of some complexion / Oft breaking down the pales and forts of reason, / Or by some habit grown too much; that these men - / Carrying, I say, the stamp of one defect, / Their virtues else - be they as pure as grace, / Shall in the general censure take corruption / From that particular fault.... This is the tragedy of a man who could not make up his mind." And so it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews Laurence Olivier's magnum opus of a "man who could not make up his mind", *Hamlet*.

Starring, naturally, Laurence Olivier in the title role, with Basil Sydney as Claudius the king, Eileen Herlie as Gertrude the queen, Norman Wooland as Horatio, Felix Aylmer as Polonius, Jean Simmons as Ophelia, Terence Morgan as Laertes, Stanley Holloway the Gravedigger, Anthony Quayle as Marcellus, John Laurie as Francisco, Peter Cushing in an entirely un-Grand Moff Tarkin-like (think the original *Star Wars*) role as Osric, and Christopher Lee in an uncredited role as a "Spear carrier", if you don't know the plot of this one, you haven't been reading this column very long. Da'ud Bob has reviewed for you at least three other versions of this play, all done with more or less success: the Mel Gibson *Hamlet* (1990); the Ethan Hawke updated *Hamlet* (2000); and the Kenneth Branagh four-hour *Hamlet* (1996). There

group can attend the February Curia meeting, the seneschal of that group should contact the Principality Calendar Deputy well in advance of Investiture to advise that the branch will not be represented and to make sure the Calendar Deputy receives a completed Date Reservation form prior to the setting of the calendar.

The Date Reservation Form is located on the Kingdom website, under "Forms", at http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/03_Date_Reservation.pdf. Please note that though this is a Kingdom form, it is currently being used by the Principality of Avacal: submit the completed form to the Principality Calendar Deputy, not the Kingdom Calendar Officer.

Please contact your Principality Calendar Deputy if you have any questions or concerns about setting Calendar dates.

Officers Needed

The Barony is seeking applications for the following officer positions:

- Seneschal – handles the "business" end of the Barony. Chairs monthly meeting, completes various paperwork and submittals, primary contact with legal entities and government.
- Chronicler – takes minutes at monthly business meeting, publishes the Montengarde Mouthpiece
- Constable – handles security concerns at events and lost and found
- Chatelaine – welcomes and assists newcomers, handles media contacts and other public relations activities

To apply, please send a short resume including relevant SCA and/or mundane experience to the Baron and Baroness and Seneschal.

Several officers are currently seeking Deputies. To apply for any of these positions, please contact the officer indicated.

- Demo Co-ordinator (contact Chatelaine)
- Contingency Deputy MoS (contact Master of Stables)
- Waterbearer (contact Master of Stables)
- Contingency Deputy Constable (contact Constable)
- Contingency Deputy Chronicler (contact Seneschal)

Setting Dates at February Curia

At February Curia, every branch has an opportunity to set the date for their "no conflict" event for the following year on the Calendar. Each branch is allowed to select one date; each barony may select three. Incipient shires may put a date on the Calendar only through their sponsoring branch, which then gives up one date: the Barony of Montengarde has the opportunity to put three dates on the Calendar, but if they wish to allow Wyvern's Veldt to reserve a date, the barony then has only two dates that may be chosen at the Curia meeting.

The Avacal Calendar is the period beginning August 1st, through to July 31st of the following year. Dates selected at Curia must be within that time frame. Requested dates for anything beyond July 31st of the next year will be held until the following February Curia. Certain events will already be on the calendar, and are considered "no conflict" event: Kingdom Crown and Coronation events; Principality Coronet and Investiture events, and one Principality War event the first long weekend in July. Kingdom councils, inter-kingdom wars and Kingdom A&S championships that take place in Avacal are also considered "no-conflict" events.

The order by which branches select their dates is set by Their Highnesses: branch by alphabetical order; branch by reverse alphabetical order; baronies first, then shires; or random order. As each group chooses their date, it is marked on the calendar and no other group may select the same date. Each group picks a date in turn, then the baronies each select their second dates, and then their third.

It is strongly recommended that the Seneschal of each branch, or a representative, attend February Curia to set their date on the Calendar. A completed and signed Date Reservation form must be submitted to the Calendar Deputy for the date requested. It is advisable to include second and third alternate dates in case the preferred date is chosen first by another branch. If no representative from a particular

was also our review of the "historical" Hamlet, 1994's *Royal Deceit* with Christian Bale as Amler, "Prince of Jutland".

Good points: It's Shakespeare! It's Shakespeare done well!! It's "film noir" Shakespeare. The voiceover soliloquies. The camera work. The fight choreography by Dennis Loraine. (In the credits, they called it "sword play".)

Bad points. The queen's dresses. Ophelia's dresses. (I don't care that Roger K. Furse won the Oscar for Best Costume Design for this film, those dresses did not belong in this film.) Polonius is old enough to be his son Laertes' and daughter Ophelia's grandfather, not father. The tall Celtic cross with knotwork on all the arms – in Denmark?? That was a long way to propose a toast. Polonius' whole long talk with Ophelia about Hamlet could have been summed up much more simply down here in the Kingdom of Lonestarrora in five words: "Darlin', that boy ain't right." No Rosenkrantz or Guildenstern.

Zero breasts. Zero blood. Seven dead bodies. One ghost. Poison fu. Dagger fu. Rapier fu. French fop rolls. Gratuitous fanfares. Gratuitous tights. Gratuitous fog. Gratuitous book tossing. Gratuitous French fop. (I told you it was a most un-Grand Moff Tarkin-like role!) Academy Award nominations to Laurence Olivier for being one of the first, and certainly one of the best, to bring Shakespeare to the screen, and for using some of the strengths of the film medium, instead of simply filming a production of the stage play. A 72 on the Vomit Meter. 3½ Stars. Da'ud Bob says, "This is the tragedy of a man who could not make up his mind. Make up yours and check it out!"

Having, with the January 2006 movie review, finished up another two years' worth of movie reviews (for a total of twenty years!), now available is *Da'ud Bob ibn Briggs Goes to the Movies, Volume X*. This volume, containing the past two years' of movie reviews, is available for sale, along with the first nine volumes and the special "The Best and Worst of Da'ud Bob ibn Briggs Goes to the Movies". More information about these collections can be found at www.appletonstudios.com/movies1.htm

Da'ud Bob

Council Minutes December 21, 2005
Minutes of the Council of the Barony of Montengarde and the Board of Directors of the Mountain Society for Creative Anachronism (the "MSCA"), held at the CO-OP (540 – 16th Avenue NE, Calgary Alberta) on Wednesday, December 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. (Calgary Time).

PRESENT:

Tygar	Arnolt Brekswerd
James the Quixotic	Steinn
Malabar	Caitilin
Hero	Onora

1. CALL TO ORDER

Caitlin acted as Chairman of the Meeting. The Meeting was called to order at 7pm. No current Chronicler. Onora taking minutes.

2. AGENDA

The Chairman asked for any New Business Topics to be added.

3. PRIOR MINUTES

I MAKE A MOTION TO ACCEPT NOVEMBER MINUTES AS TYPED BY JAMES. SECONDED BY MALABAR. PASSED.

4. BARON AND BARONESS'S REPORT

Baroness - Would like to clarify the Autocratting. A date reservation is not a guaranteed event . Budget and proposal and event copies , 4 months prior, must be passed before it can be classified as an Official Event after which it is sent in to the Crier for publishing.

Baron - Attended Coronet and was very happy with the turn out. It went very well. Wishing everyone a happy safe holiday and see you at January Council.

5. OFFICERS REPORTS

A&S - Findabhair - Low attendance in December at Thursday nights. Most likely due to holidays.

Chatelaine – Onora - Known World Handbooks are in and will be available at 12th Night along with stickers for sale.

Constable – Tygar - Stuff was lost, stuff was found, MARK YOUR STUFF..

Exchequer - Medb- No Report.

MOS - Steinn - No Report

Archery - Arnolt - The Arrows are in and there are a lot of people at practices. Elias is pushing royal rounds.

Seneschal – Everyone Needs Contingency Deputies. Also, we can now accept cheques written out as SCA Inc - Barony of Montengarde

Chronicler - Vacant

Web Minister - James - No Report

6. OLD BUSINESS

Compliance with Sca Inc. Regulations Regarding Name - Caitilin- The Government has received the papers they needed but now need more papers with regards to the 2004 year end. We are getting closer.

12th Night - Thorgeir - Tabled

Hidden Treasures - Dalton - Tabled

MSCA Meeting - Caitilin - Annual MSCA Meeting is scheduled for January 18th at 6:30 prior to council meeting. Please post to website and attend!

7. NEW BUSINESS

Old Mouth Pieces on Web Site - James - It has been discussed when I took the office the idea of posting all old mouthpieces in pdf. I need those files. And how soon after being released can the mouthpiece be posted for free on the web site?

Caitilin - those files don't exist. There are hardcopies if you would like to scan them in and post them... and I think 3 months is a reasonable time for a newsletter to become Archive-able.

TWINKLED - Agreed

James - the scanning will be a LONG term project. The plan being to post one month on either side of the archive each time.. So one new.. And one old.

Arts and Science Purchase - Findabhair – Jajiradai posted on the stables that he is looking for charter painters. I would like to look into purchasing a starter kit of the guache for A&S Nights.

Caitilin - Any officer purchases are fine so long as they follow the guidelines of under \$50, reasonable and you have the funds available in your line item. It sounds like a good idea. Get some input as to what colors are most frequently used etc.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION (TIME LIMITED) :None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman noted that the formal business of the Meeting had been concluded.

ON MOTION DULY MADE BY JAMES, SECONDED BY MALABAR. MOTION CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED. The Meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.

New Champions!

