

Montengarde 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 Monday Evening 7:00 - 9:30.

Where: Mount Royal College, Room I-124.

Cost: The site is free, but parking at MRC is a \$3.00 in the evenings. Parking lot V2 is the closest.

Contact: Findabhair na Noinini (noinini@telus.net) for more information.

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 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.

Dance Practice

When: First and Third Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 9:00pm.

Where: Thorvald's house.

Cost: none

Contact: Thorvald (prescotj@telusplanet.net) for more information.

Fight Practice

When: Every Monday Evening 7:00 - 9:30.

Where: Mount Royal College, Room I-124.

Cost: The site is free, but parking at MRC is a \$3.00 in the evenings. Parking lot V2 is the closest.

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)

Contact: Sir Stein Vikingson (steinn@shaw.ca) for more information.

Music Group

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

Where: Caterina's house.

Cost: none

Contact: Caterina for directions

Tavern

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

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

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

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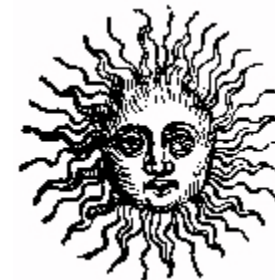
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Minotaur's Council

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Constable	Vacant – please contact Seneschal
Contingency Deputy	Vacant – please contact Seneschal

Field Heraldry Workshop

Date: Monday, November 13, 2006
Time: 7:00-9:30 p.m.
Where: Mount Royal College, Room I-124
Cost: Free

Instructors: The Herald of Montengarde and the Contingency Deputy Herald of Montengarde

This Workshop is open to all fighters who will be participating in Coronet on November 25, 2006. The Field Heraldry Workshop will take place during the regular fight practice session. Each fighter please bring all heraldry items that you will be displaying or that you wish to display at Coronet.

Book Heraldry Workshop

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2006
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Where: 3116-B 39 Street S.W., Calgary

The Book Heraldry Workshop is open to all of the populace of the Barony of Montengarde. There is no cost for the workshop. Bring your name submission requests, device requests, etc. The workshop is for those who have any heraldry questions, need research done for name submissions, or assistance in name, device or badge submissions. Heraldry forms will be available to all workshop participants. For further information, please contact Tegan Thorbergdottir (403) 542-7830.



Da'ud Bob ibn Briggs Goes to the Movies

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Well, it must have been Joseph Fiennes weekend at our house. Anna Sue and I had finished re-watching *Shakespeare In Love* (the only rendition of "Romeo and Juliet" that Anna Sue will even tolerate. Her reaction to "Romeo and Juliet", in any version but this one, is pretty much the same as Wednesday's reaction to "The Sound of Music" in *Addams Family Values*), and then we'd gone out to pick up the latest Zorro movie that had hit the DVD market at our local Videos R Us store, when a DVD caught our eyes. This was one that we hadn't seen in the movie theaters, or I would have already reviewed it for you, my faithful readers. And it was pretty recent – only two years old. So we figured that it must have been one of those "straight to DVD" jobs. And yet It had a pretty decent cast lineup, and looked like it had a lot of potential. We had no idea why we hadn't seen it in theaters. So we bought it, took it home, dropped it in the DVD player, and thus it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews 2003's *Luther*.

Starring Joseph Fiennes in the title role as monk-turned-scholar-turned-reformer Martin Luther, with Jonathan Firth as Girolamo Aleander, Alfred Molina as Johann Tetzel, Claire Cox as Katharina von Bora, Peter Ustinov as Frederick the Wise, Uwe Ochsenknecht as Pope Leo X, Mathieu Carrière as Cardinal Jacob Cajetan, Torben Liebrecht as the Emperor Charles V, and Lars Rudolph as Philip Melanchton, this movie is, unsurprisingly, the life of Martin Luther, at least from the time of his lightning-inspired decision to become a monk to about six years before his death. In doing so, it carries us along through some of the most important years of European history. (As only one example, if it hadn't been for Luther, King Henry VIII of England would never have written a treatise controverting him, and Henry would never have been given a title from the Pope which English monarchs have used to this day – even

Persona Project

I am beginning work on a project which I hope to turn into a series of articles for the Avantgarde and maybe some promotional material for our principality. I am asking all to reply to brother-selwynn@shaw.ca Please provide me with a mundane name, an email address and your location within the principality. It would also be helpful if you told me a little about how you chose your persona and people group. I am trying to treat this as if I were interviewing your persona for a feature on interesting people in a Human Interest section for the paper. The questions below are more guidelines than hard and fast requirements. Imagine sitting over a coffee or other period appropriate hot or cold beverage (no, I am not buying) and telling someone all about yourself.

1. Who are you?
2. When other people talk about you as a people group what do they call you? (Please, I am not looking for derogatory comments but a general term for your people that you yourself did not use. Did the Mongols call themselves Mongols for instance?)
3. When your people speak of themselves what do you call yourselves?
4. When and where do you live?
5. If you are living somewhere other than where you were born, how did you get there?
6. What do you do for a living? Is what you do for a living considered a traditional or non traditional career choice? If it is a non traditional choice how did you get there?
7. Do you follow a religion of any sort?
8. Do you live in one place or do you move around a lot?
9. What sort of clothing do you wear? Are there any types/styles/colours of clothing that are particularly recognizable as being part of your culture?
10. What sorts of food do you eat? Are there any cooking methods that you use that are particular to your people?
11. What type of home do you live in?
12. What is your primary mode of travel? (Dragon is not a persona answer)
13. Are there household articles, jewellery or cooking utensils that would be specific to your people?
14. If you could tell me two interesting, and perhaps little known facts about your persona or the people group your persona represents what would they be?
15. What else do I need to know to do your persona justice in anything I write? (This is your chance to brag about your people, your culture and yourself. Use it wisely.)

Thank you all in advance,
Brother Selwynn (mka: Lance Blades)

November Coronet

November 24 - 26, 2006

Barony of Borealis (Edmonton, AB)

Their Highnesses Wernar Ivansson and Tatiana the Outspoken invite you to join Them in the Barony of Borealis on November 25th to witness the choosing of the Heirs to the thrones of Avacal!!

Location: South Clareview Community League, 3250 - 132A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5A 3T1. There is no overnight stay.

Cost: Site: \$10; Site & Feast: \$20; Children: Under 12 half price/under 5 free. Note that a \$4 Non-member surcharge will be applied to all non-members attendees. Bring proof of membership!

Make cheque payable to: ASCA Barony of Borealis

The Coronet tourney will be a standard double elimination with open weapon choices. The 2 things WE REQUIRE are that:

- 1) The fighter have an appropriate tourney tile. (For clarification, please contact the Principality Minister of Lists, Caitilin at avacal-lists@antir.sca.org)
- 2) The fighter must (and we STRONGLY encourage their Inspirations as well) have some sort of heraldry that can be displayed. *i.e. hung on a wall*. This does not have to be registered arms. It can be in any form... banner, tabard, baldric, tunic etc. This does not include shields.

Note that all warriors and their inspirations entering the Coronet lists must have proof of membership present and have a current subscription to the Avantgarde.

The archery tournament will be held at Pipestone Creek Archery Club between 10:00 - 11:30 am. For archery tournament information please contact Lady Litton at littonspoke@lycos.com (remove spaces)

To make reservations, ask questions etc contact the autocrat Lady Freja (Cheryl Richardson) at (780) 634-8660 or torgga@shawbiz.ca

For reservation for feast, please send mundane name, SCA name, branch, member or not (if a member, send membership number), and adult/minor/child

Directions: Find you best way to YellowHead Trail. Head North on Victoria Trail. Follow Victoria Trail until you get to 132A Avenue, turn left onto 132A Avenue. The hall in on the right hand side about 2 blocks.

after the break of the Church of England from Rome – “Defender of the Faith”.)

Good points: The cinematography is, for the most part, very good. The sets. The location shots. The armor. The costuming. The banners. The boar spears. The seal on the Papal bull. The accurate use of heraldry. The difficulties of translating from one language into another is summarized very well.

Bad points: It completely left out my favorite Luther quote. (The movie ended before he and Katharina had any children, and it was a remark about his kids that I like so much.) The film really doesn't adequately describe the political atmosphere which allowed Luther to avoid the fate of earlier reformers, such as Jan Hus; that is to say, how he managed to avoid being killed as a heretic. (For a more comprehensive treatment, read Roland Bain's book, *Here I Stand*.) I more than half expected the cardinal's reply to Luther's "I'm interested in the truth!" to be, "You can't handle the truth!"

Zero breasts. No blood. 37 dead bodies, plus one dead boar. Lightning fu. Doctrine fu. Fire fu. Thunder rolls. Carriage rolls. Gratuitous relics. Gratuitous arguing with the devil. Gratuitous book burning. (But then, Da'ud Bob believes that any book burning is not only gratuitous, but should be a punishable crime.) Gratuitous gargoyles. Gratuitous crippled girl. Gratuitous sheep. I'd normally say that the sale of indulgences was gratuitous, but it was, in fact, central to the story of the film. (Still, it made me think they should have said: "One night only! Sunday! Sunday!! Sunday!!! Rush out now in a buying frenzy to get your dead relatives, or yourself, out of purgatory!") Academy Award nominations to Joseph Fiennes as Martin Luther for "There are enough nails from the True Cross to shoe every horse in Wurttemberg" and for his stirring depiction of Luther's "here I stand" speech; and to Sir Peter Ustinov for his excellent portrayal of Frederick the Wise. A 42 on the Vomit Meter. Three Stars. Da'ud Bob says, "Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. Check it out!"

Minutes of monthly council meeting for the Barony of Montengarde
September 20, 2006 taken by Morrigan. All mistakes are mine and mine alone.

PRESENT:

HE Hero	HE Malabar	Caitilin
Tygar	Findabhair	Dalton
Wilma the Still	James the Quixotic	Jarjiradai
Steinn	Odette	Kathryn
Irisko	Ellias	Raven
Gareth	Kathryn Peroyne	Medb
Argent	Wolff	Robert Faustis
Bartholomew	Tat'iana	

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:00 p.m by Caitilin.

2. PRIOR MINUTES

Review of August minutes with corrections to the spelling of names and the inclusion of the "disposal" item changed and duly noted. James requested his name have a "the" between "James" and "Quixotic". Hero commented on the cost of pavilions noted under "Potential Donation by Shell Canada" should clarify the cost noted did not include shipping. Duly noted and item changed.

MOTION made by Ellias to accept the August minutes as amended.
SECONDED by Malabar. MOTION PASSED

3. AGENDA

Review Agenda – no additions or deletions noted

4. BARON AND BARONESS'S REPORT

As of council, no applications had been received by Their Excellencies (TEs) for the position of Baron/Baroness. HE Malabar reiterated to council members that Friday September 22, 2006 was the firm deadline for the application - which consists of two paper copies of the requested material and two electronic copies. Paper applications received after midnight Friday in conjunction with an electronic copy received earlier, will be considered an incomplete application and treated as such. HE Malabar emphasised that he did not want any half-hearted efforts and hoped the applicants considering the position are prepared to do the job and put in the work required. Question from the floor – as to what may happen should no one apply for the job. Caitilin explained Kingdom Law, the Crown's role, the requirement to consult with the populace via polling, the use of a Castellan, etc.

HE Malabar commented positively regarding the substantial Montengarde presence at the recent event held in the Shire of Bitter End. Discussion ensued regarding the compression of the calendar encouraging more travel within the Principality.

Council was advised that Beltaine will now be held on the last Saturday of April instead of the first Saturday of May, 2007 due to a calendar conflict. Council

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 (stepping down Jan 07)
- **Chronicler** – takes minutes at monthly business meeting, publishes the Montengarde Mouthpiece (currently vacant)
- **Chatelaine** – handles public relations and welcome newcomers. (stepping down Jan 07)
- **Constable** – handles safety concerns at events and lost and found (currently vacant)
- **Exchequer** – handles financial reporting, balancing the books (stepping down Feb 07)
- **Master of Stables** – responsible for fight practice and other marshal activities within the Barony (stepping down Dec 06)

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)
- Waterbearer (contact Master of Stables)
- Captain of Rapier (contact Master of Stables)
- Captain of Archers (contact Master of Stables)
- Games Deputy (contact Minister of Arts & Sciences)



available if Dalton was given the opportunity to autocrat. Dalton is the only individual the Calgary Archery Club will deal with given his relationship with them and the level of trust established. Council members suggested this was an extraordinary situation given the external deadline of the two outside agencies and requested TEs abandon their policy in this instance. Morrigan pointed out the wording on the Baronial website which states: "Events take preparation and work. If you are interested in running an event, make a presentation to Council. Typically you need to do this six months to a year prior to the event". James the Quixotic added "a minimum date does not presuppose a maximum date". TEs ended the discussion by advising they would discuss the matter personally with Dalton and advise him of their decision by the 'end of the week'.

7. DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steinn advised the council that by all entrants in the November Coronet lists are to have a heraldic item to hang on the wall as a display. All ideas (except a fighting shield) are open to be used as heraldry (banner, tunic, etc). Steinn offered to help anyone with design ideas.

Caitilin advised that as Principality List Mistress, she is taking orders for tourney tiles to be used at Coronet tournaments by the combatants, displayed on the tourney board. Discussion ensued as to who would use a tourney tile and when November Coronet was scheduled for. November coronet will be held on James the Quixotic's birthday and the day before Jarjiradai's birthday, November 25th.

James the Quixotic told the council the Baronial Garage sale raised \$440 and the remaining items will be sold at his sister's upcoming garage sale. Congratulations all around for a successful and fun fundraising event.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Malabar to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 SECONDED BY Ellias. MOTION PASSED, meeting adjourned.



inquired if an autocrat had been found for Beltaine. No one has of yet volunteered to autocrat Beltaine.

5. OFFICERS REPORTS

Seneschal – Announced the Financial Policy had been signed off by the Financial Committee and would be available in pdf on the baronial website. The polling is underway and Caitilin encouraged anyone with questions to contact her or TEs. She advised council she would not reveal the names of potential candidates until after the deadline for applications has passed, so please do not ask.

Exchequer - \$6,411.00 in the bank. The \$700 required for the polling has not been disbursed yet, nor has the money from Hidden Treasures been deposited.

Quartermaster – No Report

Chatelaine – Not Present. Council discussed the upcoming demo at Heritage Park in general terms. Chatelaine will post on the Stables shortly and council members were directed to the Heritage Park website.

Demo Co-ordinator – vacant

Chiurgeon – Vacant position - no report Madeline will apply once she is warranted by Kingdom

Water Bearer – No report

Chronicler – Vacant - Caitilin is ensuring the newsletter goes out in a timely fashion.

Web Minister – updates done, technical issues still there but can be worked around.

Constable – Vacant – interested applicants can talk to Tygar

Herald – not in attendance, but submitted a report advising that two people were given Golden Links of the Minotaur at Harvest Feast in a very sneaky fashion – the Herald himself (Beothuk) and Raven Winterheart. The report has been filed.

Deputy Herald – Not in attendance.

Master of Stables – Practice has moved indoors on Mondays at Mount Royal College with two rooms available. Cost is free but parking is \$3. Steinn waiting to hear from the Rehab Centre re: Thursday practices. Steinn further advised that Murchad has donated some material for Viking legs obtained from Mainsbridge, only requiring the cost of the plastic to be donated back to the Barony. This will enable many more fighters to get armour together. Steinn also said should anyone want armour, to talk to him and he would be happy to help.

Lists – No Report

Archery – Ellias reported for Arnolt who was absent due to illness. The 'locker fund' monies need to be deposited – approximately \$20 in change and

small bills in there. Gareth, Baronial Champion has already reserved the Archery Centre for the 12th night tournament. Practices are well attended and ongoing.

Rapier – No Report – vacant office.

A&S – Principality charters have been worked on by four painters – three charters finished. The MRC site available Mondays is fabulous and we have access to their costume lab – sewing machines, drafting tables and all. Many thanks to Bazz for making this facility available to us. Classes are planned for ‘basic t-tunic’ and ‘cloak construction’ soon. Classes will be offered at the polling date October 14. If anyone has anything to teach, please let Findabhair know.

Pied Piper – Excellent discussion on yahoo groups regarding growing families in the SCA and is compiling the comments. Activities planned for 12th night. Discussion with Ellias (12th night autocrat) regarding Pied Piper requirements.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Principality Events: William Bennett’s bid for February Investiture was accepted by Their Highnesses. February Investiture will be hosted by the Barony of Montengarde.

12th Night bid: Ellias Silver and Robert Faustus submitted their budget for 12th night. The hall used by the Barony has since risen in price, and much thanks to William Bennett for booking the hall well in advance. This forethought saved the Barony an increase in cost. Tangential items such as the correct name of the Dragonblade and corrections of phone numbers were addressed as well the cost of the Archery Centre for the tournament.

Discussion of budget - Ellias indicated he was instructed by TEs to increase the cost of the feast to ensure the barony made money as per HE Hero: “12th night is our moneymaking event”. Ellias has revised his budget, distributed copies to all members of council and it was subjected to a detailed and spirited discussion by council members, touching on the number of complimentary tickets available, optional pricing for teens, students and/or children, prepaid reservations as opposed to unpaid, etc. Steinn commented that a few MRC students wanted to come, but found the price for feast and hall (including NMS) prohibitive. TEs felt strongly that 12th night could not afford a loss given the cost of the upcoming polling. Ellias reiterated that given the fewer number of events and the upcoming baronial changeover, this event will fill to capacity and the barony is financially healthy enough to absorb the cost of a lower feast fee. He pointed out the \$800 profit included in the budget and indicated the leftovers will be offered for sale as at Samhain 2005 and those funds have not been accounted for. Medb suggested overbooking the event by a percentage, prompting a discussion of the use of a waiting list, or last minute sales of feast tickets. Council discussed the fire code restrictions, numbers of persons allowed per hall and per room. HE Malabar questioned Ellias regarding the lower cost budgeted for Archery prizes. Ellias informed TEs that he found suitable prizes for much less than the traditional source charged. Caitilin instructed Ellias to carefully review the Kingdom’s financial policy and inquired as to whether the cost of the troll float had been included. Budget amended.

MOTION made by Irisko that the budget submitted for 12th night be accepted by council, as amended. MOTION SECONDED by Gareth. MOTION PASSED

Polling: Baronial polling will be held October 14th at the Rehab Centre. There will be a costumed ‘event’ held in conjunction with the polling. Steinn volunteered to barbeque burgers. Murchad volunteered to run a bar. Findabhair indicated a few people have volunteered to teach classes. HE Hero has some items to sell via silent auction, with proceeds to the barony. The cost for individuals taking part in the costumed aspect of the polling will be \$3.00. If someone pops by in street clothes just to fill out their poll they will not be charged \$3.00.

The formal meet the candidates and ‘question and answer’ session will be held October 3 between 7 and 9 pm at the Banff Trail Community Centre (tavern location) in the rear downstairs room. All are welcome.

An informal “meet and greet” of the baronial candidates will be held at the upcoming Tavern and everyone is encouraged to drop by.

Baronial Pavilion: Arnolt was absent from council. HE Malabar indicated in strong, direct language that this matter has been raised repeatedly over the years without a clear direction from Council or the populace as to whether or not a pavilion should be acquired on behalf of the Barony. HE requested by Monday (September 25) a list of four individuals willing to form a committee to determine if the Barony wants a pavilion and to have a definitive answer by February. He noted in the past the question has been posted on the Stables with no response. He wants to know definitively who would store it, where it would be kept, who would maintain it, etc. Council members were urged to discuss the pavilion issue amongst their colleagues and acquaintances and be prepared to voice their opinions and add their comments. HE Hero commented that the \$1000 alone would not buy a large enough pavilion, and even with the \$750 already set aside baronial monies would still be used in shipping, GST, etc. Medb suggested that Arnolt’s input should be included as he wanted this matter closed by December. Kathryn also suggested the matter be tabled until Arnolt was present. Discussion ensued regarding Valentine Armouries sale to Bart and Tat’ianna of a 13 x 25 pavilion for \$900 USD. They were asked to provide that information to Arnolt via email.

MOTION made by Kathryn to table the pavilion discussion until next counsel; while a committee organized by HE Malabar gathers information as to whether the populace of the Barony supports the acquisition of a Baronial Pavilion. MOTION SECONDED by James the Quixotic. MOTION PASSED

Metal Detector: Discussion table to next month.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Dragonslayer: Dalton came to council to respectfully request that Council abandon the usual practice of accepting an autocrat’s bid four months prior to the event date, and accept his bid to autocrat Dragonslayer/Hidden Treasures at the Calgary Archery Club grounds (a free site) in July 2007. The Calgary Archery Club meets next week to set their annual calendar and the adjoining campground books their year at the end of the month. Dalton would like to autocrat the event again at that location. The Calgary Archery Club is only