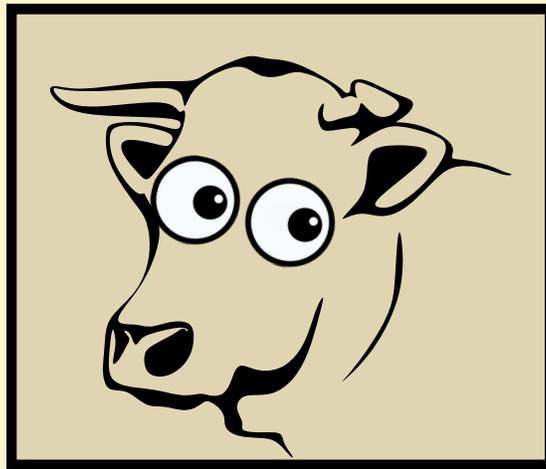


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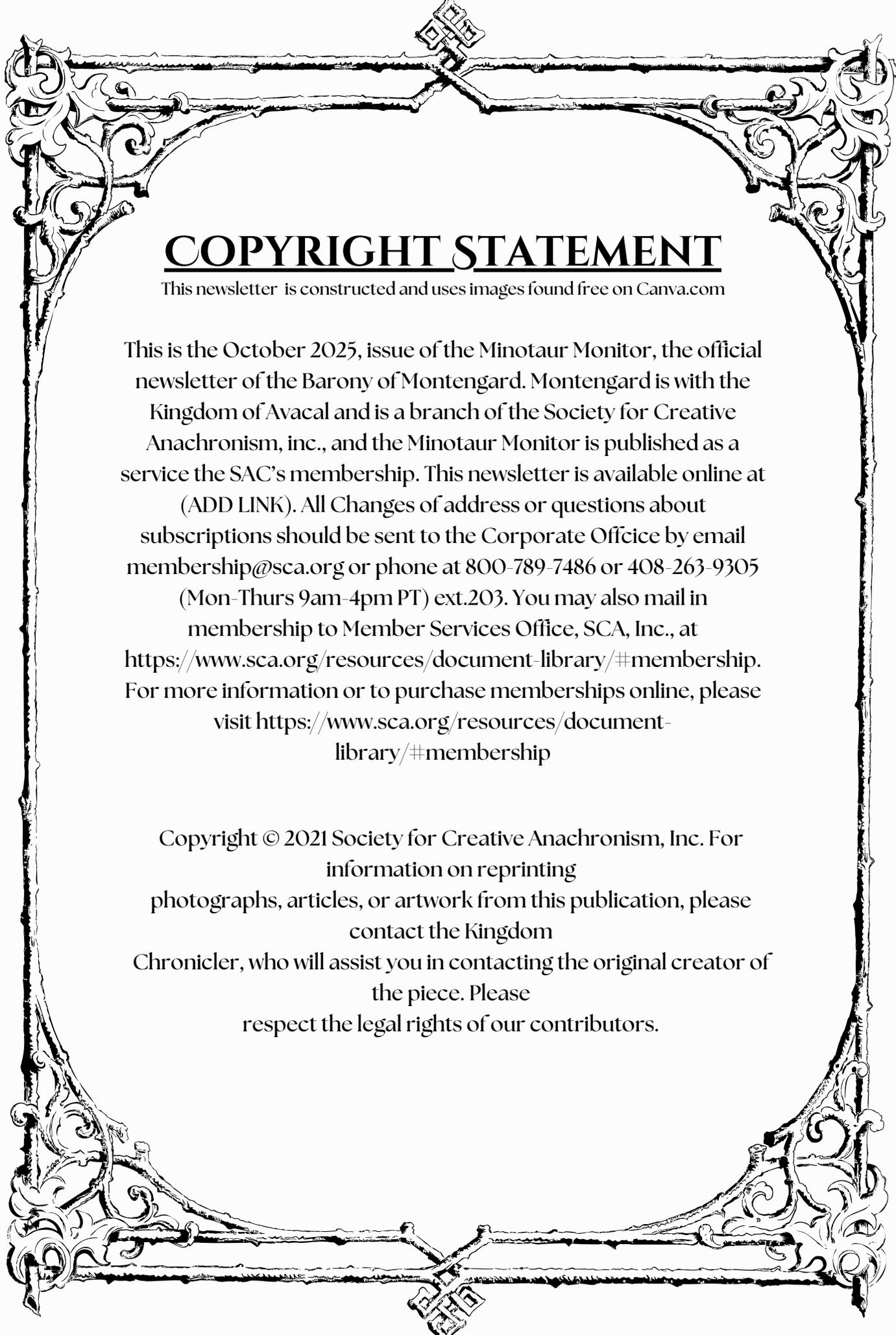


Have you seen this bull?

If so, please contact the chronicler ASAP

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IMPORTANT FIGURES IN THE BARONY

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FROM THE CHRONICLERS DESK

'Readers, most dire tidings have befallen us...our noble poster bull has gone missing! One moment he was grazing proudly upon the cover of the Minotaur Monitor, the next he vanished without so much as a "moo"

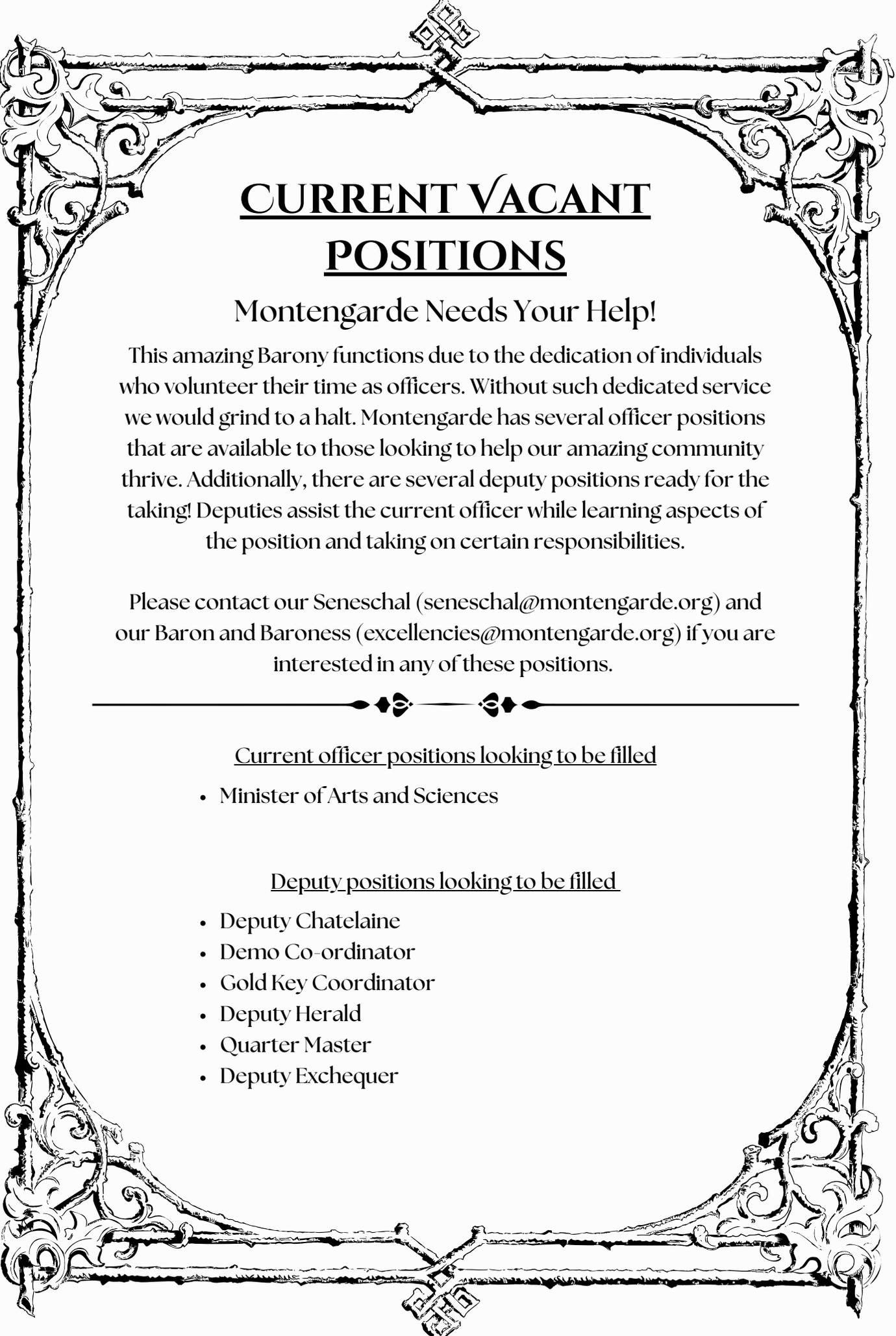
We have scoured the fields, the taverns...we even checked at fight practice - yet no hoofprints remain. Should anyone know of his whereabouts, report at once to the Chronicler!

That being said, we have a great edition for Montengarde this month! It's packed with helpful information about upcoming events and an exclusive interview! You can also find information about the upcoming Baronial polling [here!](#)

As always, don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any concerns or comments about the publication!

With Love,
Aurora di Mare





CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS

Montengarde Needs Your Help!

This amazing Barony functions due to the dedication of individuals who volunteer their time as officers. Without such dedicated service we would grind to a halt. Montengarde has several officer positions that are available to those looking to help our amazing community thrive. Additionally, there are several deputy positions ready for the taking! Deputies assist the current officer while learning aspects of the position and taking on certain responsibilities.

Please contact our Seneschal (seneschal@montengarde.org) and our Baron and Baroness (excellencies@montengarde.org) if you are interested in any of these positions.

Current officer positions looking to be filled

- Minister of Arts and Sciences

Deputy positions looking to be filled

- Deputy Chatelaine
- Demo Co-ordinator
- Gold Key Coordinator
- Deputy Herald
- Quarter Master
- Deputy Exchequer

UPDATE: BARONIAL POLLING

TIMELINE 2025.

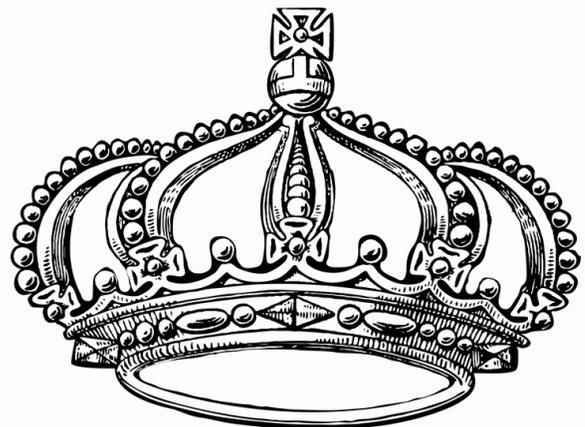
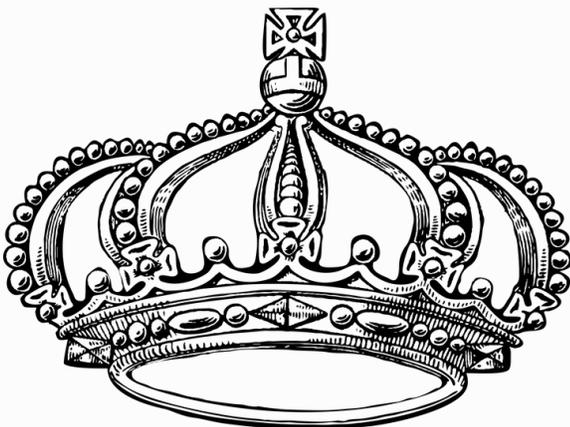
It has come to pass that Their Excellencies of Montengarde, Baron Refr and Baroness Adis, will step down at 12th Night 2026. Thus the call has been put out for successors to be found!

What will this look like?

The deadline to submit your intent to the crown is Sept 9th Tavern and there will be a 'Meet and Greet' to meet the Candidates on the Sept 18th fight practice! Later, there will be polling both physically and digitally on Nov 1st (Samhain). The Royal Announcement of Successors is to be determined right now, but it will likely take place in the November Coronation on November 8th.

As of the time of this Publication those who have sent their intentions to the Crown are:

HL Sigfus Thorwulfsson and HL Freydis Birthesdottir



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BARONIAL POLLING

Does the vote decide who is the next Baronial Couple?

Nope! A poll is intended to assess the support each candidate has from the populace of the Barony. Based upon those comments, other considerations, and a variety of factors, the final decision is solely the decision of the Crown.

What if I can't make it out to meet the candidates? Is there another way to contact them?

Fear not! Emails will be set up for the candidates soon after the submission deadline, so you can touch base with them!

What if I don't live in Montengarde, but I have strong feelings about the polling. Can I still have a say in this?

As per the Kingdom of Avacal Baronial Polling Process (2017), polling forms will be made available to:

- Paid SCA members residing within the Barony's postal code range
- Baronial Officers
- Baronial Sergeantry (Sergeants, Yeoman, Gallants, Courtiers, Wardens): Who are SCA members
- Other input may be submitted in writing via email, postal mail, or in person

Who gets to see these polling forms?

Only the Crown and Their Immediate Heirs. Two persons from outside the Barony will represent the Crown, and the Seneshalate will be at Samhain to oversee the collection of the polling forms there, but their responsibility is just the collection and bundling it up for the Crown

MONTHLY FESTIVITIES

MONTHLY TAVERN NIGHT

Oct. 14th, 2025 | 7 pm - 10pm

The Rehabilitation Society of Calgary, 711 St NE, Calgary, AB T2E 4Z2, Canada

Cost: by donation to cover hall rental fees

A social evening with friends featuring a mix of dancing, medieval gaming, and arts & sciences and a great place to get to know your local group!

Beverages and sometimes food are provided for a nominal cost.

Dishware is not provided, please remember to bring your own.

Tavern is a “in garb” event but if you are without garb then have no fear!

There is often loaner clothes curtesy of the Gold Key!

ARTS AND SCIENCE ROUNDTABLE AND SOCIAL

Oct. 7th and 21st, 2025 | 7pm - 10pm

MARTIAL PRACTICE

Every Thursday from 6:30pm - 9pm

ARCHERY PRACTICE

Every Friday from 6:30pm-9pm

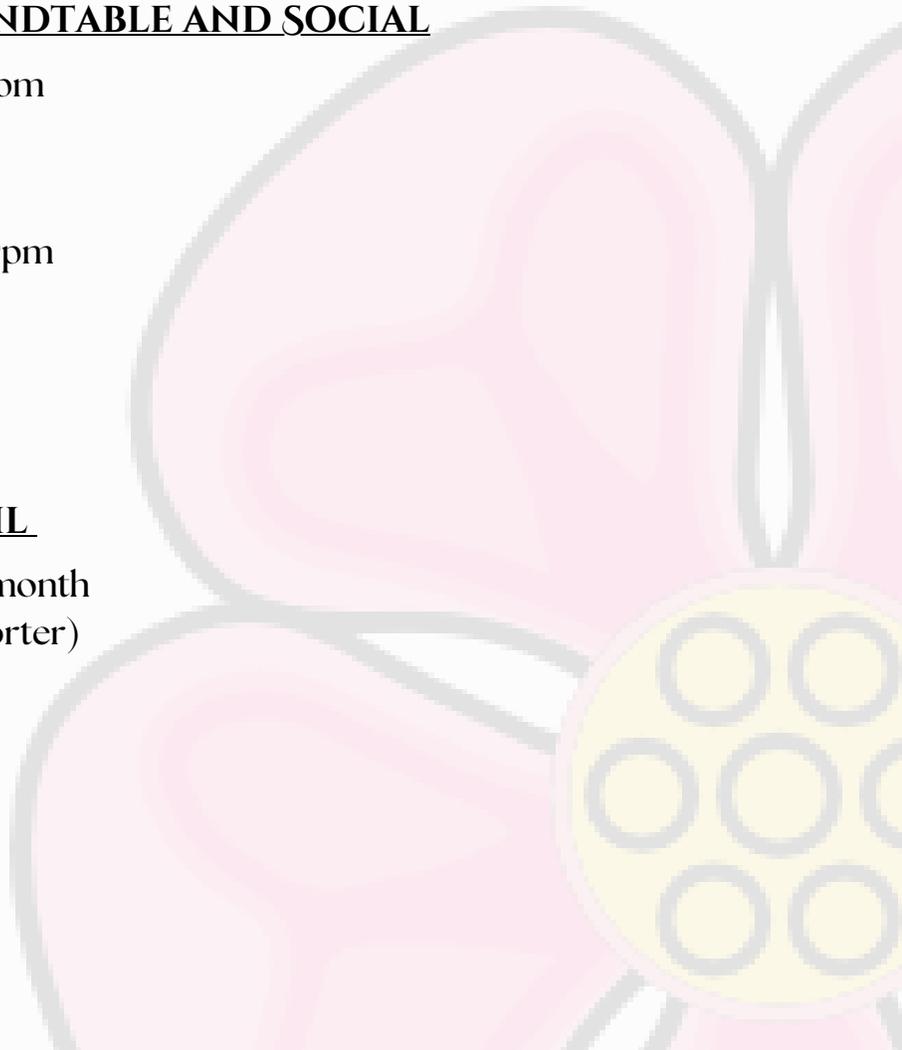
MONTENGARDE COUNCIL

Every third Wednesday of the month

Oct. 15th | 7pm - 9pm (often shorter)

Via Discord

<https://discord.gg/tVxBZmnvE5>



WATCH OUT FOR....

SAMHAIN 2025 November 1st 2025

Abbeydale Community Hall 821 Abbeydale Dr NE, Calgary, T2A 6N7 Canada

Samhain is a Gaelic Festival Marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter or the “darker half” of the year. Traditionally, it is celebrated from October 31st to November 1st, as the Celtic day began and ended at sunset. This is about halfway between the autumn equinox and the winter solstice. It is one of the four Gaelic seasonal festivals, along with Imolc, Bealtaine, and Lughnasadh. Historically, it was widely observed throughout Ireland, Scotland, and Isle of Man. Similar festivals are held at the same time of year in other Celtic Lands.

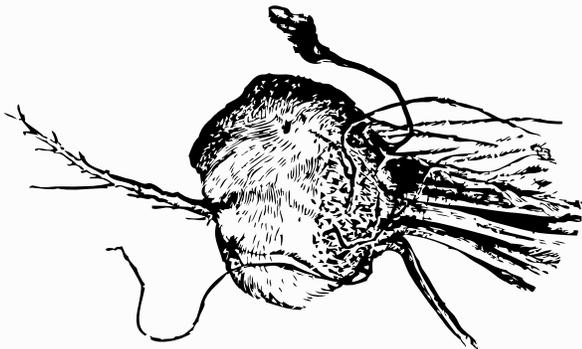
While this is the Bardic Champion Event, there will also be Archery, Rapier, Armoured fights, and A&S. This event will also feature a Feast by the ever talented HL Sigfuss who will be serving his Fantabulous Chili with a tray of white buns and more!

Adult Event Registration- \$35

Adult Member Discount Event Registration - \$25

Youth Registration (ages 0-17)- Free

Feast cost for ages 12 and up - \$15



Event Stewards: Lucrezia Ilseppa Constantina di Arborea & Freydis Birthesdottir

OTHER THINGS TO KEEP AN EYE ON

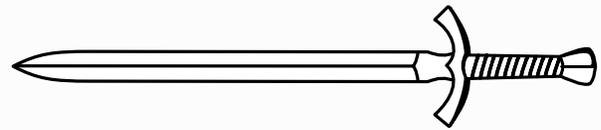
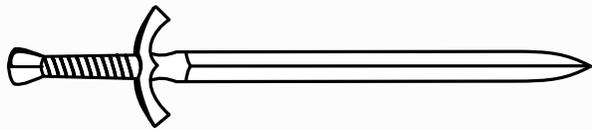
NORDSCHLAG 2025 October 4th 2025

Al Shamal Shriners - 14047 145 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB Canada

This open HEMA Tournament is put on by the Academy of European Swordsmanship! This event will include Open Longsword, Open Rapier, Women and URG Longsword, and Mixed, Random Weapons. Spectators are free to attend, and with last year's success, they are anticipating a much larger event this year!

Check out their Facebook page for more information!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Ed4Hs5ygy/>



MYRGAN WOOD ANNIVERSARY October 11th 2025

Convocation Hall - Museum of Antiquities - 107 Administration
PlaceSaskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7N 5A2

Come celebrate the founding of Myrgan Wood! Arts & Sciences, Combat, and great merriment will be available for all. The University of Saskatchewan is our backdrop for the drama of competition and warmth of revelry. Champion tourneys in Arts & Science and Heavy Combat are features alongside bardic, space-friendly archery, and fencing.

Adult Event Registration - \$30

Adult Member Event Registration - \$20

Youth Registration (ages 0-17) - Free

The Event Stewards are Skald the Peacemaker and Köttr Hrafnas

-WORD SEARCH- THE PATH OF PEERAGE

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WORDS TO FIND!

Apprentice	Belt	Bracers
Chain	Chivalry	Collar
Dame	Defense	Elevation
Knight	Laurel	Maintenance
Man at Arms	Mark	Master
Mistress	Peer	Pelican
Protoge	Provost	Ranger
Red	Spurs	Squire
Student	White	



→ THE SPOT LIGHT ←

We sent the amazing Calvin Hawkes to speak with the warriors, artists, and scholars of Montengarde! This Month features a brief interview with the esteemed Master Thorvald, who was recently elevated to the Order of the Mark, an award for individuals who have achieved a standard of excellence in prowess for ranged martial pursuits in Avacal.

Q- CAN YOU GIVE US A SUMMARY OF YOUR HISTORY WITH COMBAT ARCHERY?

“I joined the SCA primarily to do combat archery. It took me over a year before I could visit places in An Tir and learn how combat arrows were made, and obtain appropriate safety blunts, and begin to make my own combat arrows. I got a fencing mask to make a helm, and made suitable armour. I made throwable combat axes. I began encouraging combat archery in Avacal, and in An Tir. The first war in which I participated was the second Clinton War (Montengarde versus Lions Gate), at about my 1.5 year mark. I purchased a target / combat bow that I still use. Somewhat later I bought a crossbow for use in static combat situations such as castle battles. I made a combat archery target for general use in Montengarde.”

Q-CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR WORK ON COMBAT ARCHERY SAFETY?

“Early on I began working with another archer in Montengarde, Garrathe Ravenswood, and for several years we worked together on improving combat missile safety, including testing bows and arrows, and testing safety distances. The first edition of the "Avacal Rules of Missile Combat" was published in 1987. I included work on combat axes, javelins, slings, staff slings, atlatls, and siege weapon ammunition. A friend in Montengarde, Ilya Ivanovitch, began making our own Montengarde combat arrow blunts. Within a few years I was testing missile combat equipment for the SCA as a whole, measuring the solidity of proposed arrow blunts and measuring their bruising potential. I finished with testing blunts and bounce-back attachments that would be used when combat archers would be required to wear heavy armour. As a result of this testing, I was one of the first people in the SCA to recognize that crossbows would become much more useful than regular bows for combat archery.”

Q- CAN YOU TELL ME A BIT ABOUT YOUR TARGET ARCHERY IN MONTENGARDE?

“Wanting to do combat archery meant first learning how to do target archery. I began practicing the target archery in a friend's yard here in Montengarde. We had some other good target archers in early Montengarde, including the already-mentioned Garrathe Ravenswood, who was one of the first three in the SCA to attain a Royal Round average over 100. For years I encouraged target archery in Montengarde by finding places such as unused construction sites where it cost no money and was safe to set up targets and to fire arrows. When Dalton Arundel helped re-energize target archery in Montengarde, he showed that people were willing to pay money to shoot at commercial target ranges, which I had not realized.”

Q- WHY DID YOU STOP DOING COMBAT ARCHERY?

“The switch to heavy armour was what caused me to stop doing combat archery. That switch was the fourth significant change in the rules for combat archers, and at each change Montengarde and Avacal had lost archers, and I had had to recruit replacements. This was one change too many for me.”

Q- WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT THE ARCHERY COMMUNITY IN MONTENGARDE?

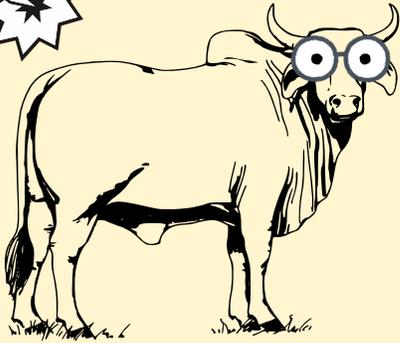
“That it continued, through thick and through thin, for so many decades”

Q- WHEN YOU RECEIVED WORD THAT YOU WERE TO BE THE PREMIER MEMBER OF THE ORDER, WHAT WERE SOME OF THE FIRST THOUGHTS OR EMOTIONS THAT CROSSED YOUR MIND?

“A wide variety of emotions. Happiness for myself, and a sense of satisfied completion for a project that I had been working on, in one way or another, for forty years. Also a sadness that the SCA had actively resisted this (and similar improvements) for so long. And sadness for all of those who would have been eligible for membership in such an Order, but who no longer play. Mild disappointment on behalf of the equestrians who apparently decided that this Order was not for them.”



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