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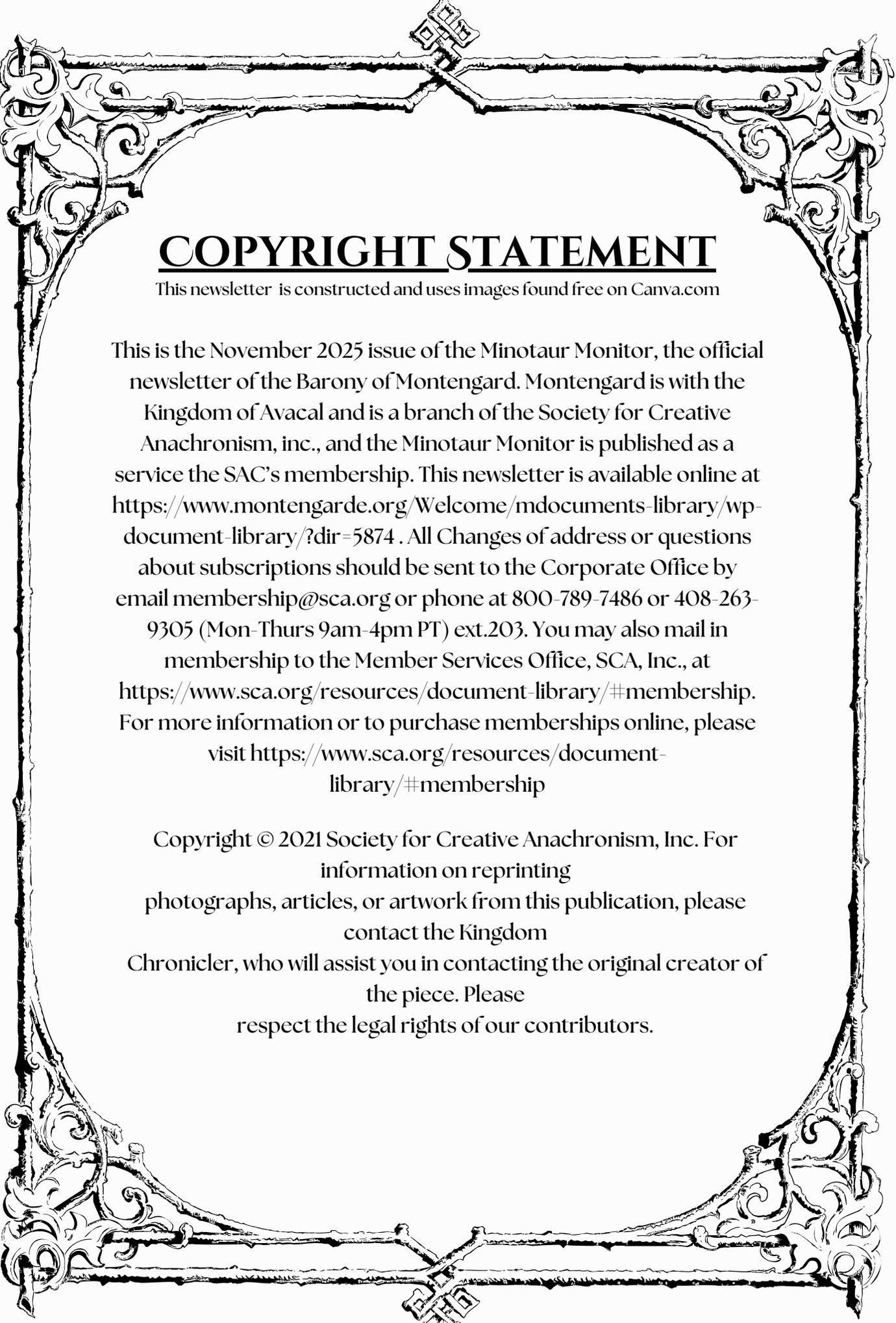
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## FROM THE CHRONICLERS DESK

As the autumn winds turn crisp and the leaves fall like golden coins upon the ground, our Barony enters a season of bustling activity and fellowship. Several important events lie ahead, and we look forward to sharing in your company as we celebrate the strength and spirit of our amazing community.

You may notice that our faithful Chronicler has taken on a new name! But fear not, good people, for though the title is changed, the heart behind the words remains the same. Expect all your favorite news, updates, and tales from across the realm, brought to you with the same dedication and mirth.

As with last month, we are still in search of our favourite bull. Rumor has it that he may be trying to run for Baron....if you find him, please contact the chronicler ASAP!

Stay warm, stay noble, and we shall see you soon beneath the banners of Montengarde!

With Love,  
Odilia Mae-Winter



## IMPORTANT FIGURES IN THE BARONY

The Crown of Avacal  
King Hrogn and Queen Astrid

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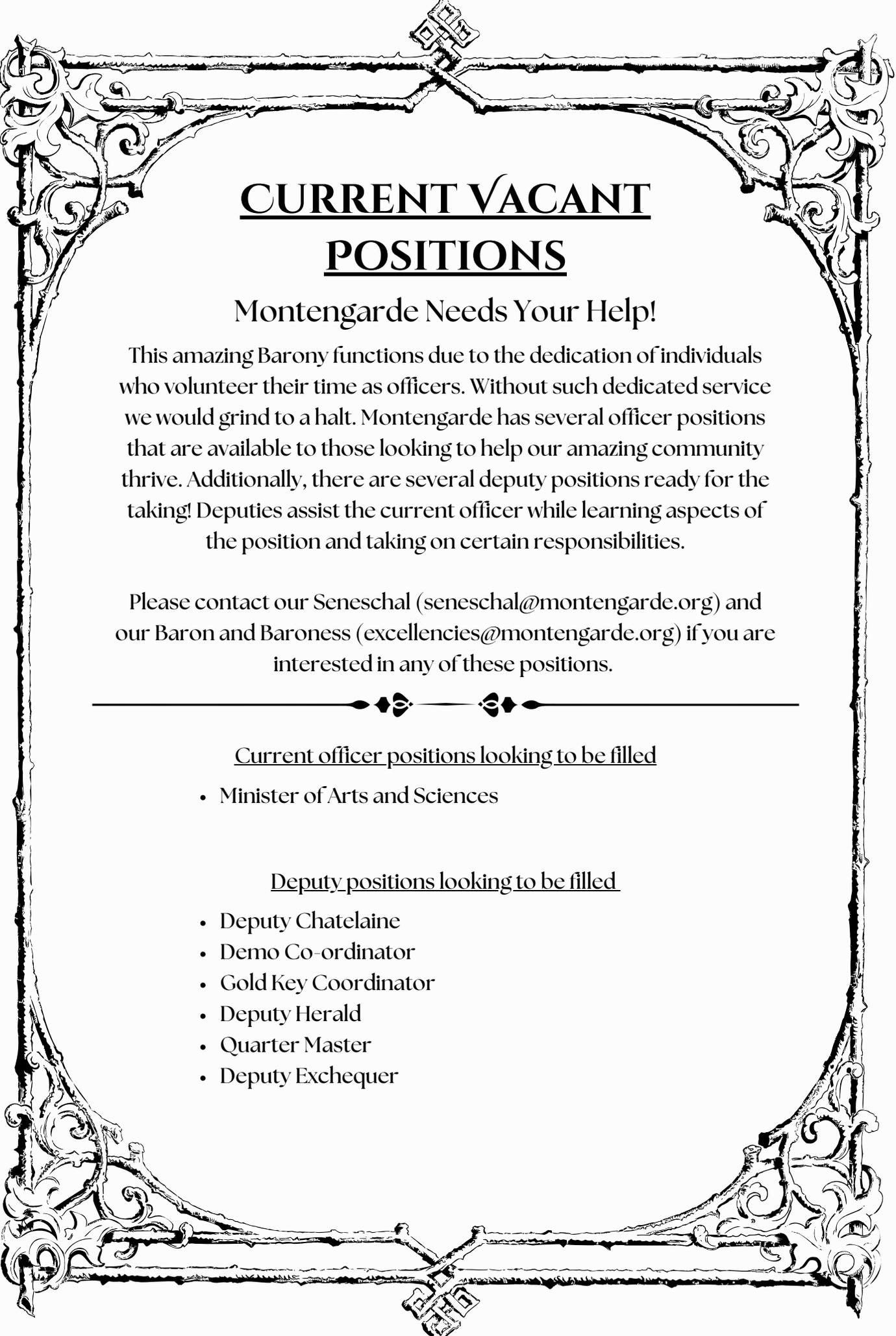
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# CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS

## 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](mailto:seneschal@montengarde.org)) and our Baron and Baroness ([excellencies@montengarde.org](mailto:excellencies@montengarde.org)) if you are interested in any of these positions.

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### 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

# MONTHLY FESTIVITIES

## MONTHLY TAVERN NIGHT

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> , 2025 | 7 pm - 10pm

The Rehabilitation Society of Calgary, 7 11 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

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> , 2025 | 7pm - 10pm

## MARTIAL PRACTICE

Every Thursday from 6:30pm - 9pm

## ARCHERY PRACTICE

Every Friday from 6:30pm-9pm

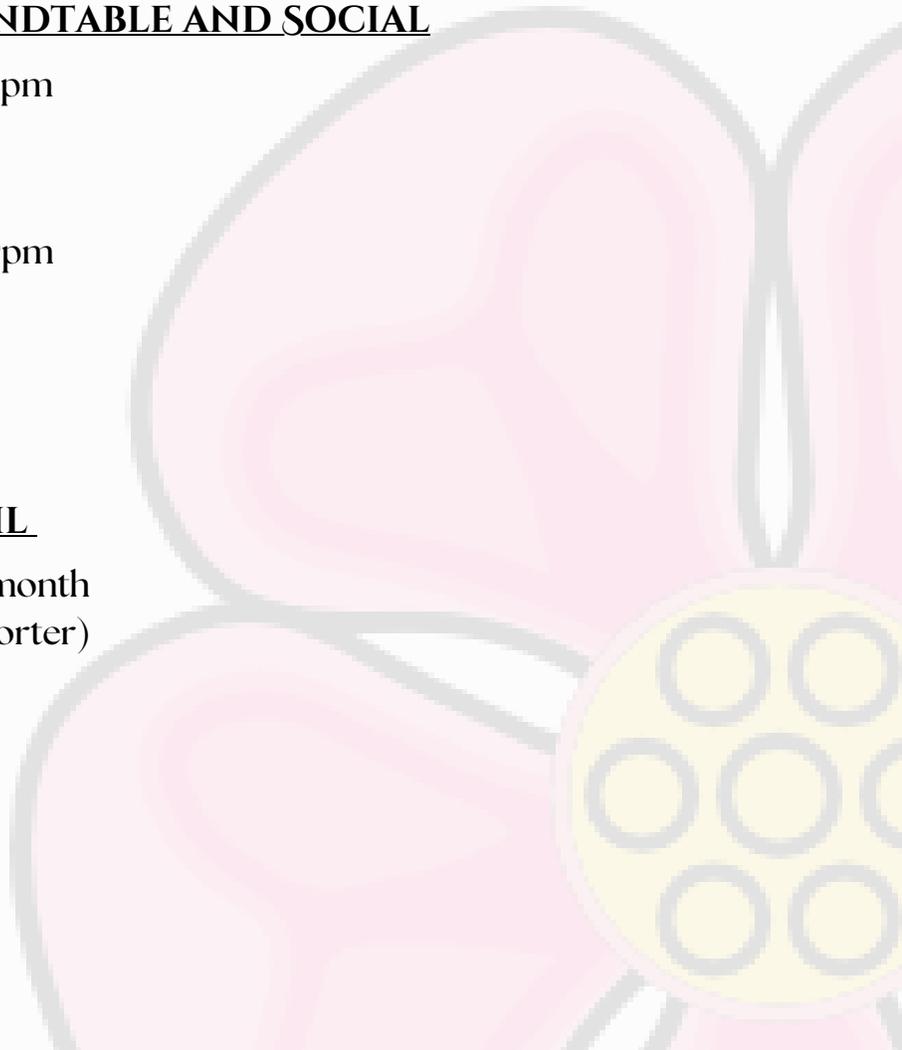
## MONTENGARDE COUNCIL

Every third Wednesday of the month

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> | 7pm - 9pm (often shorter)

Via Discord

<https://discord.gg/tVxBZmnvE5>





# UP AND COMING!



WINTER CORONATIO 2025 November 8<sup>st</sup> 2025

Brian King Center - 202 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Warman, SK S0K 0A1

Join their majesties Hrogn and Astrid as they step down from the noble Gryphon Thrones and witness the ascent of Avacal's Heirs. Our new Crowns will then oversee a tournament of blades as Maestro Tomasso Tiepolo selects his successor as Avacal Champion of Rapier! As the day grows dark, settle in for a Summer Barbeque feast at this Winter Coronation. Check out the Avacal website and Facebook for the most current information!

Adult Event Registration - \$48

Adult Member Discount Event Registration - \$38

Youth Registration (8-17) - \$8

Getting hungry? Lady Alexandra of Myrgan Wood and Lady Ella Baldric of Sigelhundas invite you to a gluten-free backyard BBQ during this frosty event. This will feature a Smoked Pork Shoulder main and assorted accompanying sides

Adult Feast Cost - \$25

Youth Feast Cost (12-17) - \$15

Children under 12 - Free!

**Got more Questions? Check out  
the facebook page**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1981518785950636>

Didn't find what you were looking for yet? Contact the Event Stewards Tófa Váladóttir and Segdae Ua Faelin

Feeling Hungry? Contact our Feast Stewards Lady Alexandra of Myrgan Wood and Lady Ella Baldric of Sigelhundas

# UP AND COMING!

**SAMHAIN 2025**      November 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 the 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!

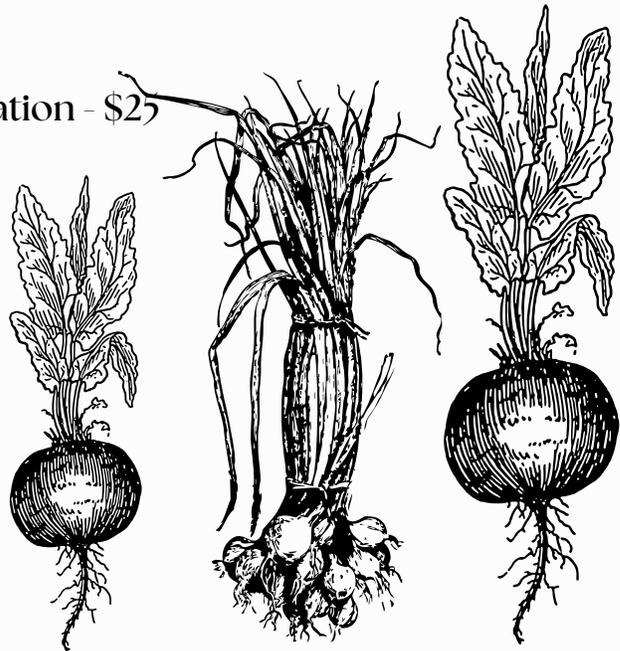
Adult Event Registration- \$35

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



# A MESSAGE FOR THE POPULOUS

The following is a few messages from the Arts and Science Community!

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“Artisans of Montengarde - lend me your ears for but a moment!  
On Twelfth Night, I shall step down as Emerald Rose and seek to find my successor to champion the Arts & Sciences for our Baronial couple & Montengarde's A&S community. There will be a cooperative competition where you can choose to vie for the title, so I hope you are looking forward to the challenge! There will also be options for non-competitive single-project entrants. Works-in-progress are welcome; we aim to celebrate your passion, not produce anxiety.” - Her Ladyship Drífa at lækjamoti



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We are still seeking another volunteer teacher to lead a class at the (post) Samhain TUA gathering on November 2nd! If you have something to teach, we'd love to learn!

Teaching these classes is a great way to share your knowledge and connect with members of our amazing community!

Interested in these opportunities? Feel free to reach out to the Chronicler or the Arts & Science Champion for more information!

-WORD SEARCH-  
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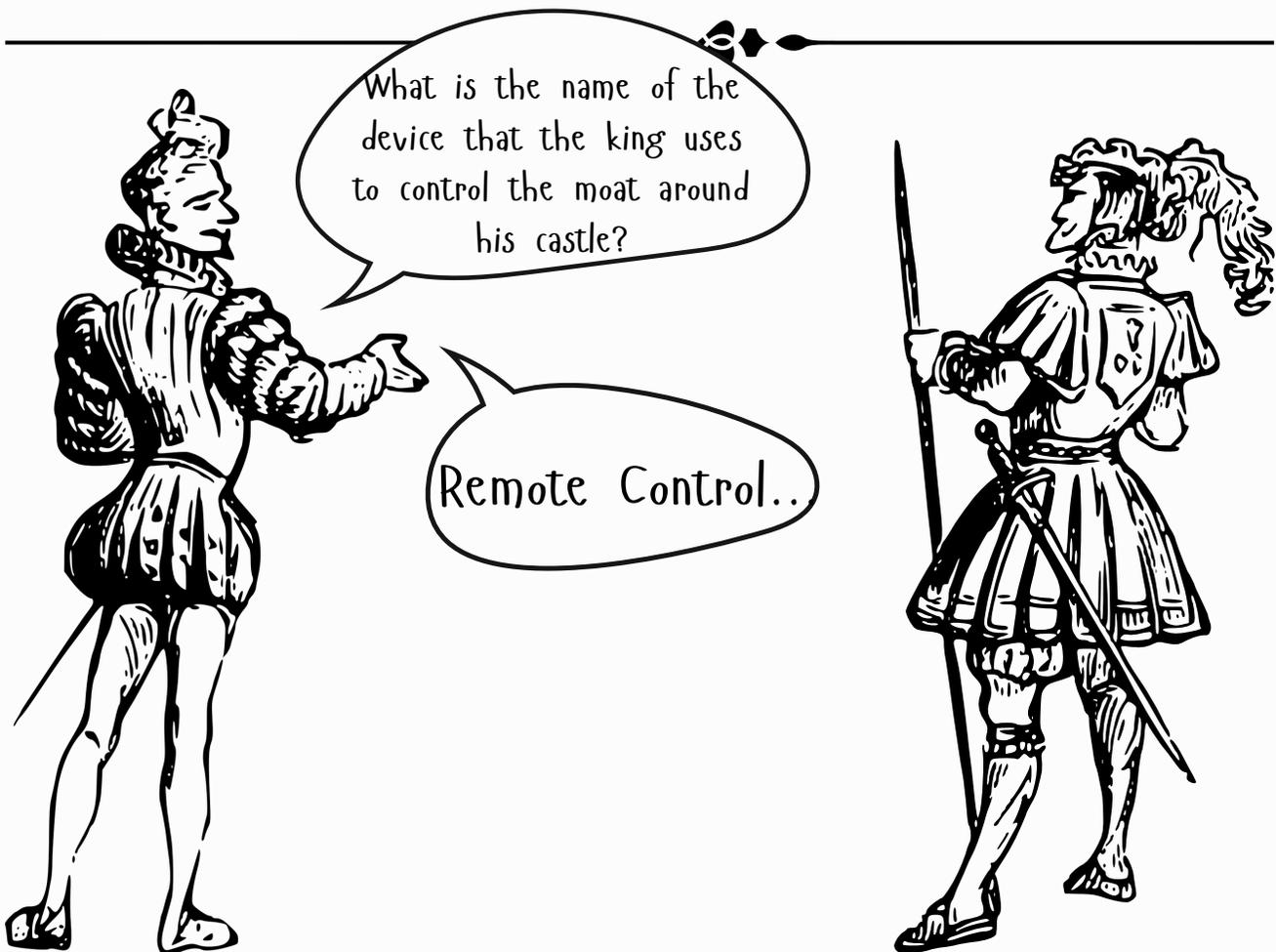
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# WORDS TO FIND!

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| VAIR    | VERT    |               |



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

We are currently in the process of Baronial polling! Please meet the couple who have put forward their name for this position, His Lordship Sigfuss Thorulfsson Visfiskar and her Ladyship Freydis Birthesdottir.



Both Sigfuss and Freydis have been long-standing members of the SCA. Sigfuss is currently our Archery Captain and the Dragonblinder of Montengard. Freydis has been the Seneshal of Windwurm for a number of years and is currently the Kingdom archery champion. While they do live in Mindwurm, the couple spends most of their time in Montengarde.

The couple is dedicated to making the SCA a fun and safe place for everyone. They want to build upon the current structure of the community and communication already found within Montengarde.

# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, Montengarde got to participate in a Meet & Greet for this couple! Here are some of the highlights.

Want to watch the full thing? Check out a full recording of the event at:  
<https://youtu.be/kX6fzMGy4lw?si=1s8DFrJScIAUoxUO>

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Q- Why are you putting yourselves forward for Baron and Baroness?

**Sigfuss:** I have two reasons, a selfish reason and a non-selfish reason. I absolutely enjoy this community, this activity, the SCA, and I don't want to see that disappear. So in that sense, in order for that to continue, we need to volunteer and do things within our barony, within our kingdom. So this is another step for me in volunteering for something to help further what I don't want to see disappear. The selfish reason is on a personal level. The one thing that first caught me, that I enjoy the most, is receiving an award/recognition, and I want to give that feeling to others.

**Freydis:** I'm pretty similar. I actually like the service aspect of the SCA. This is just one step-up more that I wanted to do. The giving and receiving of awards is amazing to watch.

Q - What would you do to increase morale in the Barony?

**Frydis:** Getting more involved and participating in different aspects, including the online aspects

**Sigfuss:** I think also try to convince more of the populace to be more involved. I think the more involved we are as a populace the better we can build relationships

Q- Freydis, as you're not from the Barony, what level of commitment are we going to actually see from you?

**Freydis:** So for the last 2-3 years, I have traveled weekly to come up here (Montengarde) as well as local and non-local events. Travel back and forth isn't necessarily an issue for me; I actually quite enjoy the drive so I don't see that changing. If we need to do more, I don't think it's going to be an issue

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IN CONT.

Q- What do you see as the Barony's current weakness, and how do you propose to address it?

Sigfuss: I don't think our barony currently has a weakness, but I do believe that what we want to address and help progress is the communication between the Baronial Offices and the Populace, which has already been started and established by our previous Baron and Baroness. We want to help foster and grow that to a much stronger and better place

Freydis: By answering emails and being present.

Sigfuss: and helping to expand the officer positions by getting more people involved.

Q- What are your ideas for supporting newcomers as they come into the Barony over the longer term?

Freydis: I think that's pretty much what the community is for; like, if someone's interested in the Rapier aspect, that's what the Rapier will get involved in, or Armored or Archery. I think they are pretty friendly to talk to.

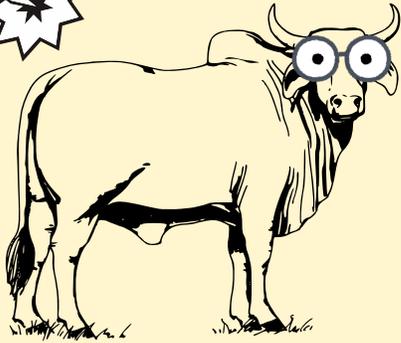
Sigfuss: I haven't thought about how to support newcomers just on a personal level. I do agree that it's our job as a community to support individuals. It shouldn't just fall, you know, specifically to the Baron and Baroness.

Q- What Officer positions and services have you done?

Freydis: So, I have been Seneschal for Windwurm for far too long. I've done a lot of their events, yearly, I run those. I coordinated with a Coronation a couple of years ago. Coming up with Samhain, I'm going to be helping with that one. i like Service, I do a lot.

Sigfuss: I have been an A&S officer in Montengarde twice. I have been a Feast Steward a half a dozen times. I have co-autocrated an event once or twice. As far as volunteering goes, I would say one of my Feast Stewarding events was a last minute take over at the last minute. At present, I am the Captain of the Archers. I don't know if I would be allowed to keep doing that...I'd like to.

# NOTICE BOARD



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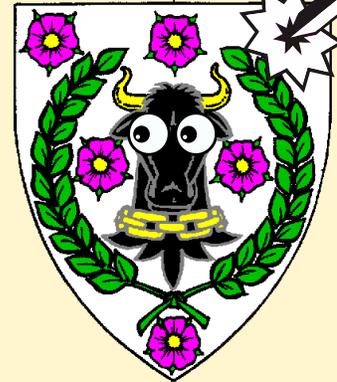
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<https://forms.gle/oRhzmDYsWTvHEXwF8>

## Montengarde Website

Suspicious that the Chronicler is feeding the masses propaganda?

Check out the Official Barony of Montengarde Website to stay up to date! You can find our Calendar along with the latest and greatest news!

<https://www.montengarde.org/Welcome/events/>



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As always, you can also contact the chroniclers' desk directly for anything regarding this newsletter!

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