

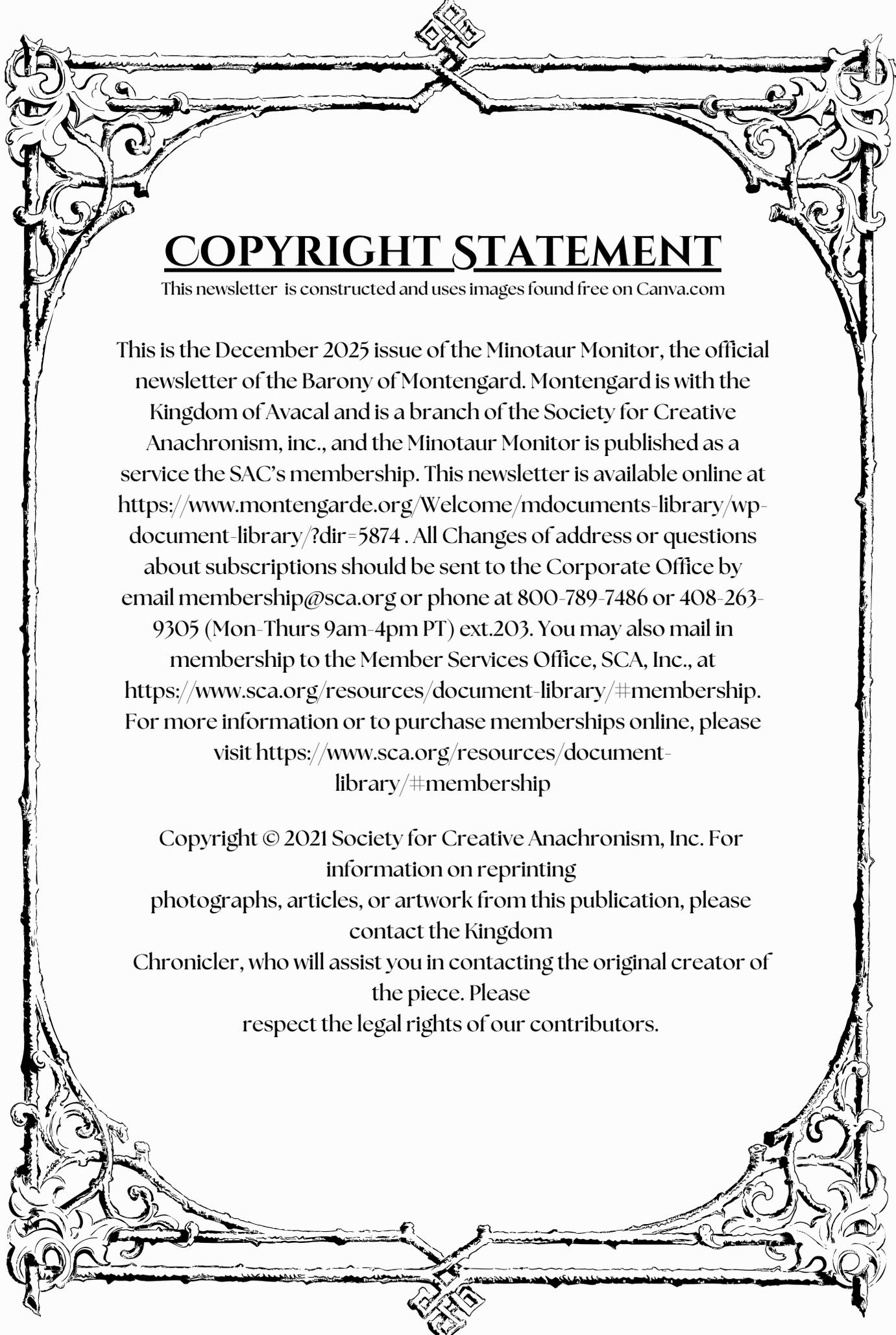
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FROM THE CHRONICLERS DESK

Greetings good gentles of Montengarde,

As the Yuletide season draws nigh, may your hearths be warm and your spirits merry! Though the skies seem to have misplaced their snow this year (perhaps the Frost Giants are running late), the festive cheer of our Barony remains undiminished. Let us revel in the company of friends, raise a toast to the year's end, and look forward to the promise of a bright new annum.

Take note, dear readers — with the turning of the calendar comes change! The first edition of our 2026 newsletter shall bear a fresh new look, though it will still be filled with the same tales, triumphs, and tidings from our fair Barony.

Here at the chronicler's desk, we have also started interviewing for new poster boys, as we haven't been able to track down our dear bull. While he was supposed to show up at Samhain, he evaded us. Keep an lookout for new art coming soon!

With Love,
Odilia Mae-Winter



IMPORTANT FIGURES IN THE BARONY

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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) 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

MONTHLY FESTIVITIES

MONTHLY TAVERN NIGHT

Dec. 9th , 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

Dec. 4th and 18th , 2025 | 7pm - 10pm

MARTIAL PRACTICE

Every Thursday from 6:30pm - 9pm

ARCHERY PRACTICE

Every Friday from 6:30pm-9pm

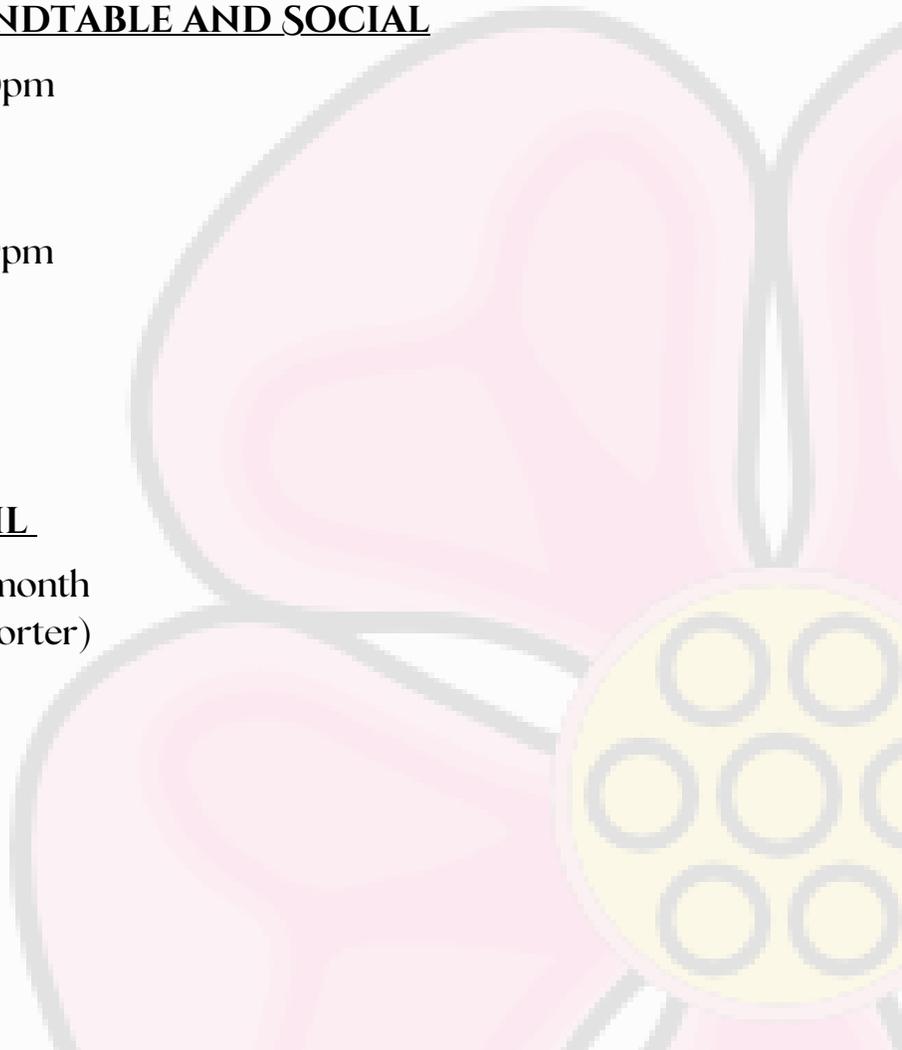
MONTENGARDE COUNCIL

Every third Wednesday of the month

Dec. 19th | 7pm - 9pm (often shorter)

Via Discord

<https://discord.gg/tVxBZmnvE5>



HIGHLIGHTS FROM SAMHAIN 2025.



All these photos were taken by Odilia Mae Winter

UP AND COMING!

KRAMPUS - SIGELHUNDAS Dec. 5th 5pm - 7th 12pm, 2025

Immanuel Anglican Church 142 Massey Rd, Regina, SK S4S 4M9

Join us in Sigelhundas for Krampus! We offer an enchanting mix of sword fighting, arts & sciences, and feasting for all ages. Enjoy thrilling tournaments and explore medieval arts and sciences through exciting classes. As night falls, savour a banquet fit for royalty with traditional dishes and exciting flavours!

Adult event registration - \$30

Adult Member Discount Event Registration - \$20

Youth Registration (0-17) - Free!

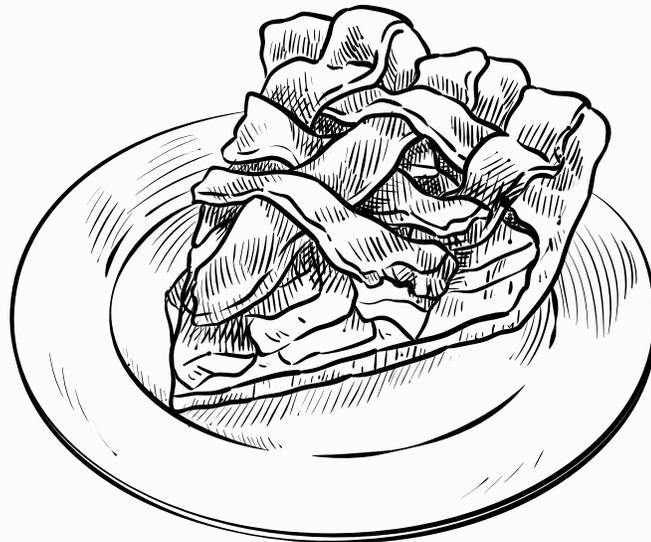
Adult Feast Registration - \$20

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

Child Feast Registration (0-11) - Free!

Check out the Facebook event page for more

information!<https://www.facebook.com/events/1830167230906070>



UP AND COMING!

YULE - BOREALIS Dec. 13th 2025

Alberta Avenue Community Centre (9210 118 Avenue, Edmonton)

As the old year wanes and the new year draws nigh, we bid you join us in celebration. Eat, drink, and make merry within our hall, where warmth and good cheer chase away the winter's chill. Gather with friends both old and new as you wander among the works of our artisans, lend your voices in support of our valiant youth, and delight in the tales and songs of our bards. On this joyous eve, they shall all contend for the honour of being named our Champions. Let the spirit of the season guide your steps, and may fellowship and festivity abound.

Adult Event Registration - \$38

Adult Member Discounted Event Registration - \$28

Youth Registration (8-17) - \$8

Adult Feast Registration - \$28

Youth Feast Registration (12-17) - \$18

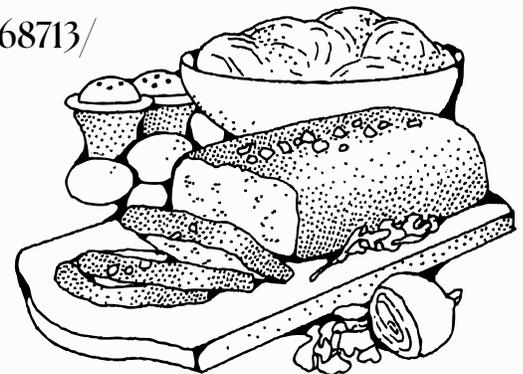
Child Feast Registration (8-11) - \$8



The event Steward is Guillaîne de Gualle and the Feast Steward is Jean de Chauliac

More information to come -

<https://www.facebook.com/events/807451862268713/>



KEEP AND EYE OUT FOR...

12TH NIGHT January 17th 2026

Join Their Excellencies in celebrating the coming of the new year. Come together and push back the dark and cold with revelry, camaraderie, and joy.

The new champion of arts and sciences, as well as the champion of fencing, will be decided.

Come and witness, participate, and support the choosing of these new representatives

We will be having many other activities to enthrall, entertain, and edify.

Traditionally, the Twelfth Night festival marked the onset of the winter solstice, the point in late December when the sun, whose daily arc had reached its lowest, darkest, coldest point, began its rise toward the longer, warmer days and the coming of spring. The ceremonial Yule Log, preferably oak, burned to bring prosperity, abundance and luck in the coming year, was hauled in to start the hearth fire around which its visitors would gather throughout the rest of the Yuletide season.

Shake off the cold and dark of winter at our local Celebration of Twelfth Night with delicious food, drink and merriment!



KEEP AND EYE OUT FOR...

WINTER CROWN February 13th 2025

The Kingdom of Avacal Seeks New Heirs, and the Shire of Vinjar is proud to host Winter Crown 2026.

Adult Event Registration - \$40

Adult Member Discount Event Registration - \$30

Youth Registration (0-17) - \$0

Event Stewards Sir Olaf The Snowman and Lord Ademar Denedei di Pietro

Feast (adult) - \$30

Feast (youth, 12 - 17) - \$15

Feast (children, 0 - 11) - free

Feast Details





WHAT THE HECK IS



THE ORDER OF THE SABLE CINQUOIL OF



MONTENGARDE



Formally known as The Order of the Rose Petal, this is awarded to those whose creative work in Montengarde has brought renown to the Barony and furthered Arts and Science among the populace. This includes (but is not limited to) crafting, research, largesse creation, and aiding others through teaching of the Arts & Sciences.

Fun Fact!!

The first Recipient of this award was Ilia of Montengarde in January of 1997. Recently, this award has been given to Svalla of Sandesend in September 2025 at the suggestion of Adis Ulfsdottir and Refr Bjarnarson



What is a Cinquefoil?

A cinquefoil is a plant from the genus *Potentilla* that is a member of the rose family. The name comes from the French “cinque” meaning 5 and “foil” meaning leaf. Often, this plant is used in heraldry to signify strength, power, honor, and loyalty.



NAMES IN THE SCA



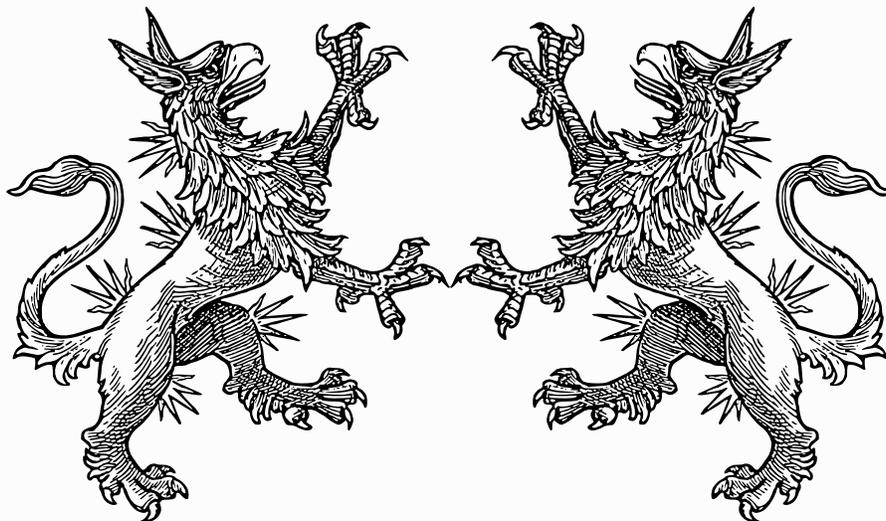
Almost everyone in the SCA chooses a name to use in the Society. It could be something simple and familiar, like John of Wardcliff, or something more elaborate, such as Oisín Dubh mac Lochlainn. Most people pick a time period in the SCA and a country, and choose a name from that! It should be noted that this has to be pre-1600 and from a place that can be documented and proven.

Some SCA members try to create a “persona” that would have lived in some time and place within the scope of the SCA, and fit their garb and activities to that persona. Some people even try to live at events as if they were their persona. Other folks simply pick a name and go ahead with life as they please.

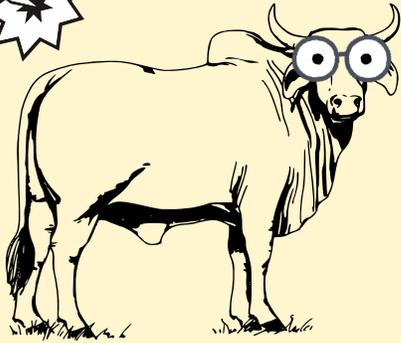
Even our towns have medieval names! Calgary is called Montengarde, Vancouver is Lion’s Gate, Boston is Carolingia, and the San Francisco Bay Area is the Principality of the Mists!

Having a different name in the SCA is not mandatory, but if you are interested, the SCA has its own College of Arms, which assists members in choosing and registering their SCA names/Heraldic devices. This Collage of Arms assists members in their research to ensure that their names and devices are appropriate to the medieval world and make sure everyone gets their own name/device is unique.

Want more information? Contact the Montengarde Herald, Lord Alexander Blackadder, at herald@montengarde.org



NOTICE BOARD



The Official Monitoring of the Minotaur

We humbly beseech thee for thine thoughts and musings.

Hast thou enjoyed this humble chronicle? What say thee of its tales, tidings, and tomfoolery? Send word via raven, parchment, or the magical conduit known as Google Forms.

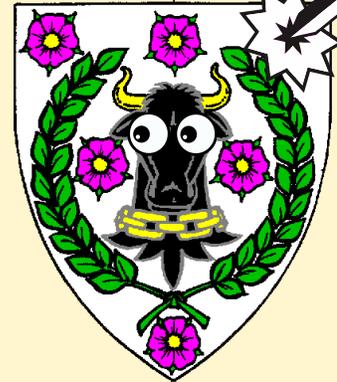
See link below to make suggestions for upcoming editions!
<https://forms.gle/oRhzmDYsWTvHEXwF8>

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/>



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

THANKS AGAIN
FOR READING!

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