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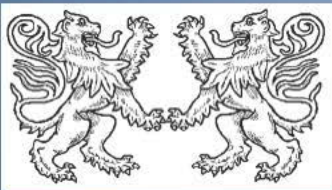
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The weather is warmer so WAR!! are you ready?



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The Ramble of a New Laurel

So I was asked to write about my experience on becoming a Laurel.... Not an easy task, but I have taken on crazier tasks than this, so where do I begin? It has been two months since I was elevated and yet I don't think I fully comprehend what being a Laurel is all about. However I will attempt to explain what took place and what it means to me. Have patience if I ramble on.

I started in the SCA as part of a very isolated small group. Laurels were talked about in reverence, and I am sure some people thought they might just be a myth. I explored the arts and sciences on my own and envisioned the day I might actually meet someone who would recognize my potential in the scribal arts. When it happened it was in itself a special moment for me. Being a student and then an apprentice, was more than I could ever hope for and had ever dreamed about. I found someone who understood my needs, my drive, gave me the support and inspiration to get where I wanted to eventually end up. While not everyone needs to have a formal Laurel /Apprentice relationship, it worked great for me. Indeed I was heartbroken to see the bond formally broken during my Laurel ceremony.

My experience being elevated? Wow! It happened so fast. With both my Lord and I getting elevated to our respective orders simultaneously, it was craziness. For those who were not aware, we had only two weeks to prepare for our elevation. Being the geeks we are, we had to do some quick research on medieval ceremonies from our period. Then came the organizing with our Laurel, Knight and Teacher as to what we wanted for our ceremony. Then came the sewing of my Lords white linen tunic, the home break-in three days prior (which consisted of a rather embarrassed me taking a constable through my home that was strewn with SCA paraphernalia to identify missing belongings), and did I mention simultaneously trying to complete award charters for the current reign! Then there was a dash to a hotel to drop off clothes and grab a shower, another mad dash to the site, arriving a few minutes late, unpacking and setting up the vigil area. What remains the most vivid in my mind are the many wonderful vigil visits that I had. Each person that visited me brought words of wisdom, thought provoking questions, support and congratulations. It was truly a joy to have time set aside to get to know, or be reacquainted with each and every one who



dropped in. Elevation day consisted of chasing my young son around a crowded hall, dashing back to the hotel to nap with said son, preparing scrolls during feast, and waiting anxiously during court for our turn, and fretting over my sons first nosebleed and the blood smear on my elevation dress. Somehow the ceremony took place, with my overtired toddler unexpectedly walking in to court with us, the herald skillfully guiding us all, many tears and smiles, a madly beating heart, and a thousand and one images and emotions. Somehow I remembered my oath by heart, made it through, and later sat with much joy and broke my fast. Did you catch all that?

So where does all that find me now? Right here in front of a computer trying to put it all into perspective so I can share it with you and many others who take the time to read. It finds me still overwhelmed at the recognition of my scribal journey to elevation, it leaves me somewhat apprehensive at the new responsibility it brings, and excited at the start of yet another path. I have a head full of ideas for research, learning, teaching, and projects that a full time working mother with a husband on the road would probably be wise to run away from. But I won't. It is full steam ahead until I finally finish my latest scrolls into the wee hours of the morning, only to awake the next day in a daze trying to plan what to tackle next. That is how it has always been, and always will be. And there you have it. That was my experience on becoming a Laurel. There doesn't seem to be enough time or words to cover it all. But, this will have to do as I have a tendency to ramble.

Thank you once again to all those who helped in many ways to make the day so special for us! Thank you to my husband for sharing his special day, and to my son Bryce who makes me feel special everyday!

Mestresse Guillaîne



June 16, 2013
Silverwolf
Barony of Boreals



July 16, 2013
Dragonslayer
Barony of Montengarde



June 23, 2013
Avacal/ Tir Righ War



July 13, 2013
Valley War
Shire of Valley Wold

Borealis Iron Ring Tournament Results

Date: May 4, 2013

Attendees:

- Reme
- Beoaed
- Samuel,
- Mr. Mcclearan
- K Senia
- Joseph
- Mikayla

Lists: Adelheid

Marshalls: Dante

Format:

- Round Robin to Finals = London masters
- Only kill shots count

Final: Joseph vs Samuel

Victory to :

- Single sword – Samuel
- Sword Buckler – Samuel
- Sword Batton – Joseph
- Sword dogger - Samuel



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Aurora Borealis Chronicler Challenge

Challenge: Create you own SCA cartoon for publication in the Aurora

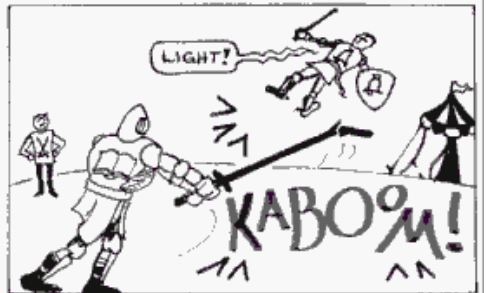
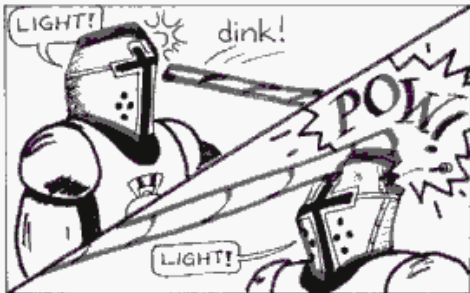
Deadline: September 22 ,2013

Where: Send submissions to Adelaide@huscarles.ca or bring a copy to any tavern between now and September.

Prize: Each entry will receive a slip into a draw that will be done at October tavern. SCA prize pack currently includes Sergeant Daniel home brew and other SCA delights. (the more that enter the bigger the price will get)

Cartoons can be drawings alone or include text. Examples of past cartoons are available at Taverns or upon request. Submission of a cartoon means you are giving permission to publish the cartoon in any future publication of the Aurora with credit to the artist.

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Dante Machiavelli



**Minister of Art &
Science**
Coryn of the Wode

Deputy- Catherine
of the Rowan tree

Bardic Deputy-
Vacant

Tavern Report

BARONY OF BOREALIS
MINUTES FOR May 1 2013
START: 7:45PM

Welcome Newcomers – No newcomers tonight

Reports:

Baron/Baroness –Baroness Divera - Thank you to the event Stewarts, instructors and volunteers for a great job at THUA. We are very proud. Silverwolf is June 15 and if you wish to compete for champion you will need a valid blue membership card, live and play in Borealis; if you are fighting you will require authorization, for A&S you need letters of intent in by 15 May 2013. We will need the time to get judges in place. If you have any questions talk to Galeana, Corin or Divera.

Seneschal – Mika – Thank you to the Macheavellies for hosting Tavern tonight. Ravinsrift will be hosting June Tavern. We still need people to host all other Taverns after June. If you are interested see Mika. Autocrats we need your forms in ASAP.

Chatelaine – We had a demo in Churchill Square, there was a lot of media there, it went very well.

We are having a demo on Sunday June 9th for the Girl Guides.

Exchequer – Janet – We are doing well ask seneschal for bank balance We are expecting a cheque back for 80% of the settlement.

Minister of Stables – Shaver – not present.

Minister of Fence – Dante – People are fighting, people are dying; Rapier is going well. The Iron Tournament is on Sunday and is open to all who wish to participate.



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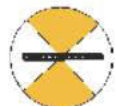
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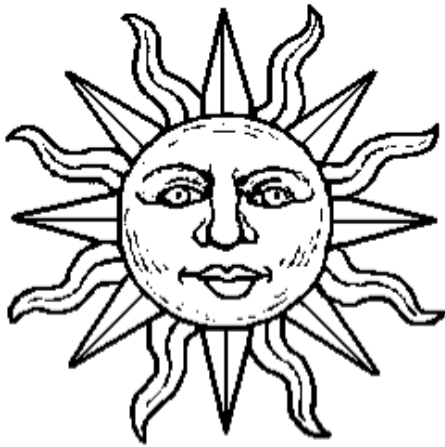


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Minister of Arrows –Sommerled - It is almost dry enough for outdoor practice. May 10, barring another snow storm, we will be outside. Birch Bay will go back to being a ranch in a couple of weeks, and still no crossbows.

Minister of Art and Science/Bardic – Coryn – THUA went well. We have had only one person ask for advice for the Silverwolf Championship. If you are interested in taking part, you can get info on the Borealis page under A&S. The third Monday this month is a holiday, so A&S night will be on

Monday 27th May. There is also A&S in Spruce Grove every Thursday night at Galeana's. Our musicians were performing in the foyer of Spamalot, was very nice to see. The Duct Tape challenge has been extended to next tavern. You will need a team of 4, 1 person to model the garb. Will have cool prizes. You can use plastic, string, rope, wire, cardboard and duct

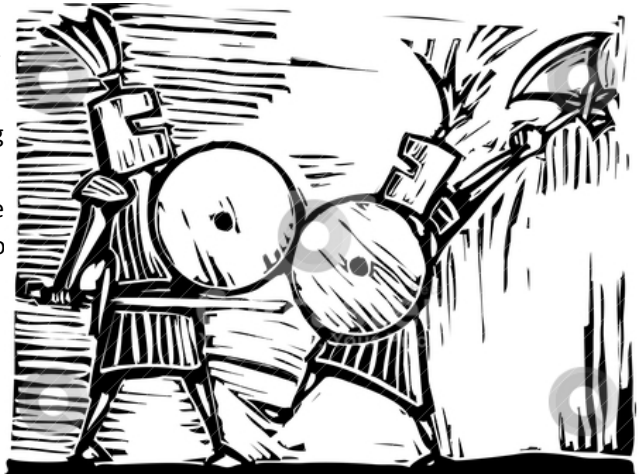
tape for your entry.

Herald – Owen – Not present but everything is fine. Remember to get your submissions in. We can now submit our devices and names through Avacal Harold.

Chronicler – Adelaide – The May Aurora is out and on the tables if you are interested in taking a look. There is a competition for the best SCA cartoon, we will hold this in about 3 months. There will be a prize.

Youth Combat – Peregrin – New Society youth combat rules are now in place, and family policy is almost in place. Lately we have been missing practices for various reasons. Afternoon THUA had practices and had a couple of knights testing the metal of our youth. They continue to do well and show chivalry. Thank you to the parents of the youth for taking the time to bring their children out to practices.

Gold Key – Cynewulf – Is the new Gold Key caretaker. At this moment our goldkey is lacking in a few areas. We are in need of



large T tunics, long belts and any garb for the tweens. If you are bringing friends please email me or facebook me to see if I have something that I can bring. The garb may not be travel worthy or if you require different sizes but I can bring it if needed.

Chirurgeon – Still no news yet from Kingdom

Scribe – NONE, if you are interested please see Mika

Family Activities – This office is now empty, if you are interested please see Mika or Perigrin. We require one in place as there is something coming down from Kingdom. We have a ton of craft material in the lock up so there is no need to purchase anything.

Water Bearer – NONE

Web Minister – Reginald Urrie – not present, he is a Spamalot. If you have anything to put on the site please send the info to Reginald and he will put it up on the site.

Calendar of events – 4 May – May Defenders in Cold Keep, Prince George BC. 10 May – Bordergate Revel, Bordergate Cold Lake AB. 17-19 May – May Crown Tournament, Vulkanfeldt Yakima, Yakima

County, WA. 31 May – 2 Jun Avacal June Coronet Tournament, Vinjar Grande Prairie AB. 15 Jun Silverwolf Borealis, Edmonton AB. 22-23 June Avacal/Tir Righ War, Avacal Eastern and Northern BC, AB, SK, YK, NT. 4-7 July An Tir West War, An Tir. 5-7 July Dragonslayer, Montengarde. 18-20 July – July Coronation, TBA. 1-5 August – Avacal/s Quad War Investiture, TBA.

Old Business – Falean- I want to thank everyone for the BIG success of THUA. The bar made \$190.00 and will go to Iron Key. We had a profit of about \$360.00. We will have the fundraising money numbers ready for next tavern and this will go towards the next Barony THUA. We still have Avacal license plates for sale \$15 each, money is part of the Principality fund raiser. Divera – We have a demo at the Strathcona Christian Academy and we received a cheque for \$200.00 and a very nice thank you card.

New Business – Divera – The Borealis Baronial Pavillion will be heading to various events this year. At May Crown we have land space by the fighting erics. There will be a place to sit in the shade and hang out with friends. You are welcome to hang your regalia inside.

Time of Adjournment – 8:20

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