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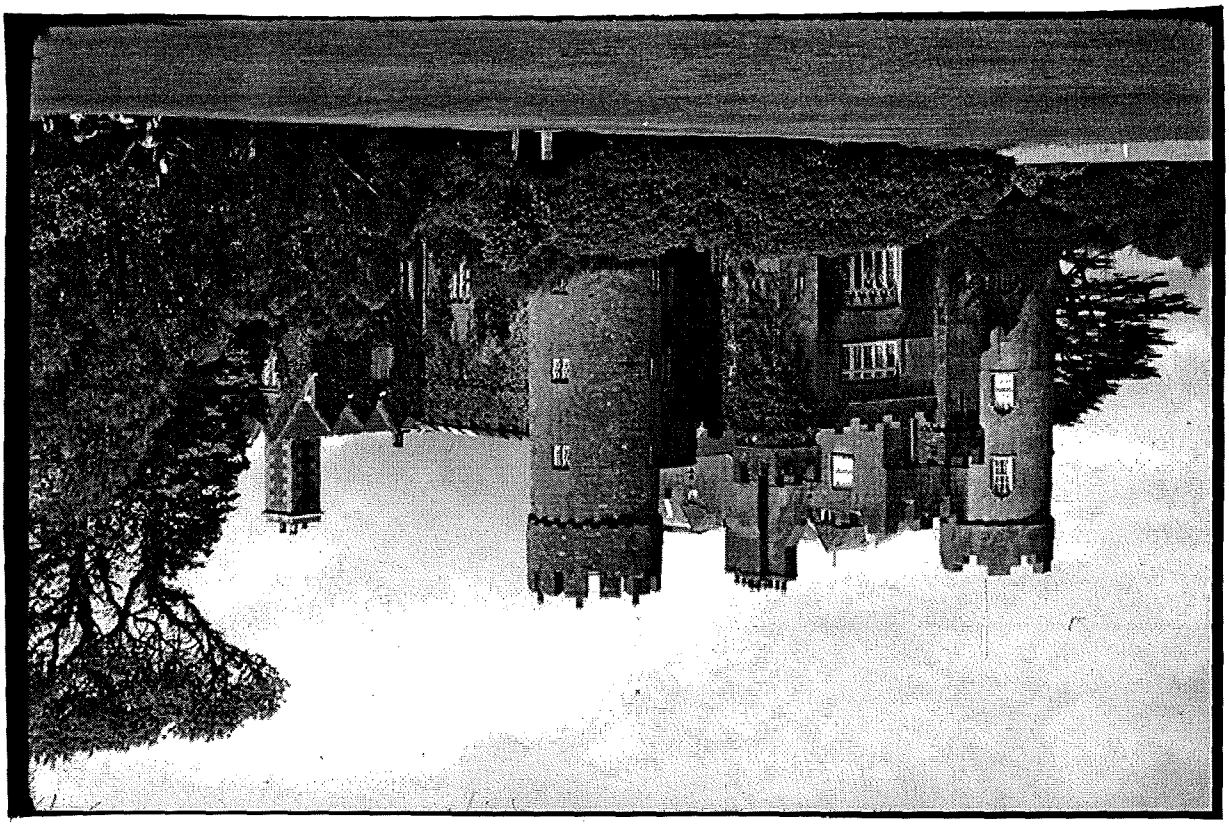

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Baronial Calendar

April

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* Stonewolf weekly meetings are held in the Grand Centre Public Library unless otherwise noted.

* Veraquilon Tavern Nite - Capilano Hall, Business meeting - Rm 3-119 Ed. North, UofA, all other meetings will be in Dinwoodie's, SUB, UofA.

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Canton of Veraquilon

Weekly meetings: First Wednesday of the month will be the Tavern nite at Capilano Hall, the 2nd Wednesday will be the Business meeting in room 3-119 in Ed. North at the UofA, subsequent Monday nights will be Dance, Fighting and other activities in Dimwoodie in the Student Union Building at the UofA.

Fight Practices: Please do not hesitate to contact Otto Gruber @ 468-6763 for more information.

Fence Practices: Call Mercushio @ 986-6623 or Alphonse de Lorraine @ 967-4072.

Dance Practice: Those wishing more information are requested to contact Mordecai Saltzer (Rick Slansky) at 435-2051.

The Groaning Board meets monthly to research and plan for feasts. For more information regarding meeting times and place, phone HL Eleanora fitz John (mka Leeanna Ryan) 449-6834

Canton of Stonewolf

Fight Practices each Tuesday evening, 7:00pm at Assumption High School. Contact Alfheim 594-1083

Classes on various topics take place each Thursday evening, at the Grand Centre Public Library, unless otherwise noted, 7:00pm. See calendar for topics.

KWIC Services is pleased to announce that, for every research question submitted to us between now and May Crown, we will be donating 25% of all income from SCA Sources to the AnTir 3YC purchasing Fund.

SPRING FAIR
April 27, 1996

Spring has arrived in the canton of Veraquilon and we will be celebrating with a joyous revel! Join us for merchants, games, competitions, dancing, a rapier seminar and a marvelous feast. As well, a May Queen and Green Man will be chosen and there will be May Pole dancing during the evening.

Words from the Baronial Rapier Champion:
So! You think you're good with a rapier, eh! Well, I, Marcus Wynniatt, Borealis Champion of Fence, dare you...no, I double dare...even double dog dare you...to come prove how good you really are.
The Borealis Rapier Championship will entail 3 categories.
1. The "Challenge/Insult"- sharpen your wit and prepare your barb...remember though, the ladies will be judging, so keep it acceptable!
2. The "Unusual Off Hand Weapon"- bring your favorite unusual weapon (fish, boot, mug, etc). Built it out of foam and get a day authorization from the Provost Marshal.
3. The "Tounament"- a round-robin blunts tourney with the 4 highest placing finalists fighting a sharps full bloods match.
There are prizes for each category and the Provost Cup for the highest placing foreigner. The Championship will go the highest placing Borealis fighter.

Competitions include: late period German garb, children's garb amd herb garden design.

Schedule (tentative as always):
site opens 12:00
rapier tourney 1:00
rapier seminar conducted by Provost Marshal Rodrigo Viola de Navarre (primarilly novice level) 4:00
Baronial meeting 5:00
feast 6:00

Site and Costs: King Edward Park Community League 7708-85 St. Edmonton.
Adult $10- untill April 15
$15- after April 15
Site $5
Children (5-13) $5
Merchants will recieve a site discount.

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SILVER ARROW TOURNAMENT
April 20, 1996, A.S. XXX

Come one, come all to the Shire of Bitter End for our annual Archery Tournament! You are cordially invited to devote your day to an expression of your skill at the Bow and vie for the traditional Ounce of Silver in one of the following categories:

Novice: First-time shooters or those under 16 years of age.
Seniors: Over 16 years of age.
Masters: Persons who have scored over 80 on a royal round or those who have won the Seniors category in the past.

The tournament will be held at the Three Mile Bend Archery Range at 12:00 noon. In case of inclement weather, (defined as follows: 2" of snow, raining, snowing, gale force winds, or 10°C or lower), there will be a Darts Tournament at the Feast Hall.

This year's theme is the Feast of Hamelin. The feast will be held at St. Leonard's on the Hill, 4241 - 44th Street, Red Deer, AB. The hall will open at 5:00 pm.; the feast will begin at 7:00 pm. **THE SITE IS DRY THIS YEAR.**

Prices:	$12.00	Feast (16 years and up)
	$ 7.00	Feast (6 to 15 years)
	$ 5.00	Site fee only
	no charge	(0 to 5 years)

Please make cheques payable to The Shire of Bitter End.

Reservations may be made by contacting either:

Lady Freydis of Gloppenfjörd (mka Susan Stenson), 5813 - 44 Ave., Red Deer, AB T4N 3J4, (403) 347-2467 or

Lady Margaret of Kingston-on-Thames (mka June Lenton), 6311 - 69 St., Red Deer, AB T4P 1K8, (403) 343-0364.

Some crash space will be available.

Directions (plain arrows indicate one-way streets/avenues):

From North: Take Hwy 2 south to Red Deer; turn left on 67th St. (tournament); turn left on 49th St. (feast); then follow map.

From South: Take Hwy 2 north to Red Deer; turn right on 67th St. (for tournament); turn right on 49th St. (for feast); then follow map.

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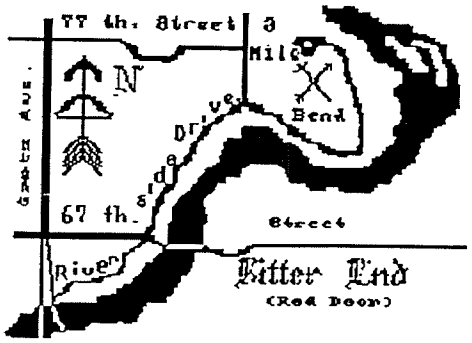

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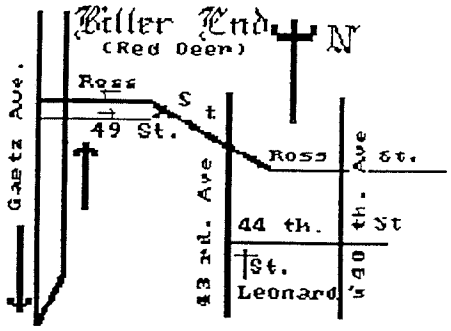

Gawain would like to extend sincerest thanks to the following people for donating prizes for the Boronial Arts and Sciences Competition at the Feast of the Evergreens: Dagmar af Hjorring and Tangents Art Objects.

Also, many thanks to the capable judges and to Cennet for all their hard work.

Thanks!

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Groaning Board Feast
April 13, 1996

"In spring, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love." Come celebrate Spring and Love with The Groaning Board as we host a formal French banquet and a Court of Love."

Date: April 13, 1996
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: St. Stephen the Martyr Church
10909 - 96 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
Contact: Eleanora fitzJohn (Leeanna Ryan)
449-6834

Experience the glitter of our Court. Be prepared for an evening of delights; of fine food, good company, and interesting entertainment. A Court of Love will be held in the grand style of Eleanor of Aquitaine and Marie of Champagne.

As usual, there will be a "door prize." One of our lucky guests will be presented with candlesticks and a pair of medieval design candles from England. Due to site limitations, only 40 tickets will be sold - so reserve early.

My good lords and ladies, come join with us as we celebrate courtsesy, chivalry and Love.

OFFICER REPORTING SCHEDULE

Baronial Officer Reports are due:

February 1 (single reports due from Constable, Chronicler and Exchequer)
May 1
August 1
November 1

Canton: MUST have reports in to Baronial counterparts **on the 15th of the month** prior to the above due dates. Please include a copy to the Canton Seneschal.

Chronicler:
Will take copies of newsletters as reports. Only requires one formal report (with financial statement) on February 1.

Constable:
Needs one report per year (on February 1) just to know that officer is still there and needs to be warranted, otherwise, just keep in touch.

Exchequer:
Needs a single formal report per year (the year end stuff). Other than that, just keep in touch with changes or problems.

Their Royal Majesties,
King and Queen of An Tir

TRM Thorin and Sineidin

James and Sera Paxton
6724 - 19 Ave NE
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COURTLY LOVE

Courtly love was a set of conventions, a code of manners and a way of behaving that arose in southern France during the 12th and 13th centuries and then spread throughout Europe. Love was believed to be "the source of all martial glory" and knights thought that fighting for a "fair lady" would help them, for the lady was presumed to be the source of their strength, even when she was absent from the field of battle.

The handbook of love was "The Art of Courtly Love" written by Andreas Capellanus between 1174 and 1186. Its idea was to codify the art and the rules of love so that both men and women could learn to behave correctly. Eleanor of Aquitaine and Marie of Champagne began to hold Courts of Love and soon other ladies followed their example. Many famous decisions were made at these Courts and Andreas wrote them down in his Book. These Courts were the quasi-judicial method of showing good breeding and manners. These ladies would legislate on questions of love, pass sentence on lovers and settle disputes between lovers. The ladies who conducted these Courts had to be married or widowed and of high rank. Certain rules were always followed. For example, the identity of the lovers must **never** be revealed - each case **had to be anonymous.** One partner could present a case, or an Advocate might be chosen to present the case for the lovers.

We hope to replicate the ambiance of these Courts and ask all gentles who wish to participate to abide by the Rules. The following is a partial list of Rules which were given by the King of Love and written down by Andreas in **The Art of Love.**

Rules

1. It is well known that love is always increasing or decreasing.
2. Every lover turns pale in the presence of his beloved.
3. Good character alone makes any man worthy of love.
4. A true lover does not desire to embrase anyone but his beloved.
5. A man in love is always apprehensive.
6. Thou shalt speak no evil.
7. Thou shalt not be a revealer of love affairs.
8. Thou shalt be in all things polite and courteous.
9. When made public, love rarely endures.
10. A true lover considers nothing good except what he thinks will please his beloved.
11. Be obedient in all things to the commands of ladies, thou shalt ever strive to ally thyself to the service of love.
12. Every act of a lover ends in the thought of his beloved.