

About the cover

Pending the approval of the college of heralds the cover design is the device of your friendly neighborhood Herald, Lord Æthelstan of Carlisle. The design is his own with the artwork drawn by Her Sanguine Highness Esperanza.

Blazon: Per pale gules and sable, a winged stag rampant Or.

You know your in the SCA when...

...you start to wear your hair the way your persona might have worn his/hers. (Smith, it's not so much the waist length beard, but do you really have to braid it?)

Silverwolf Champions

The Silverwolf is the title given to one of the four champions of the Barony of Borealis, Heavy, Light, Rapier and Arts & Science. The Heavy championship is the oldest tournament in our Barony, the first Silverwolf tourney was held in 1979, the Lights tourney came about a decade later in 1989. The Rapier and Arts & Sciences championship is our most recent addition starting in 1995.

Past Silverwolves have been...

Heavy: Alphonse de Lorraine, Conrad von Graz, Hugo von Feuerklippe, Robert le Sawyer, Edward MacSterling, Rorik Gunnarson, Vic Vikingson, Edward Bolden, Albrecht von Rugen, John MacLeod the Black, Conal Fitzalan, Angar Ninefingers.

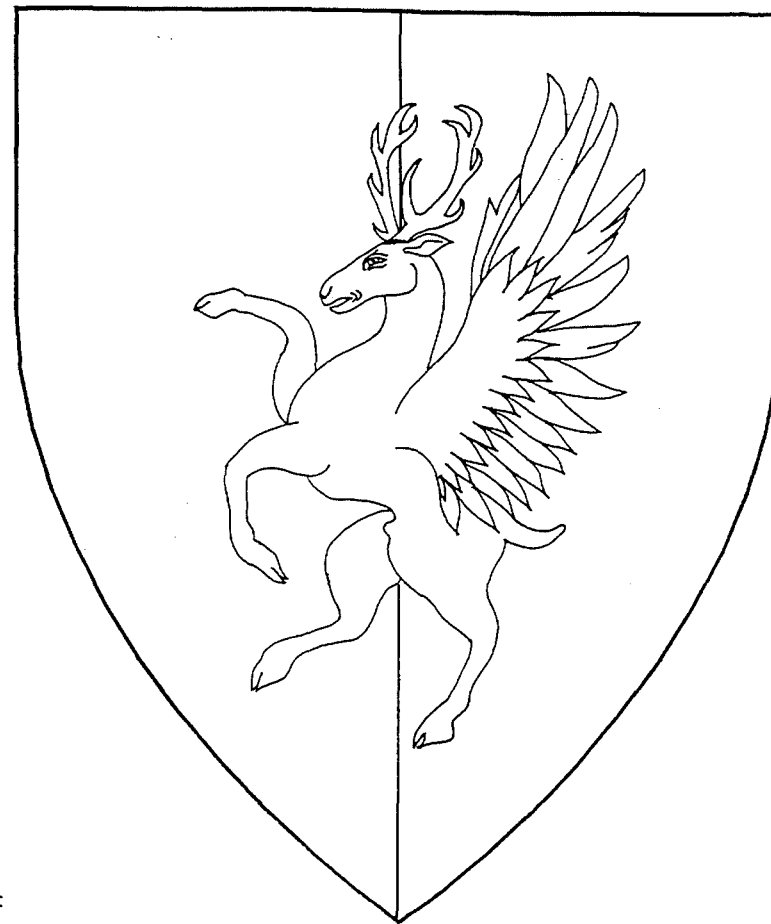
Lights: Hamish Douglas, Joan the Just of Lismore Isle, Mordecai Salzer, Eadwulf MacRuthven, Alen Bendbow, Cennet ap Llangollen.

Rapier: Marcus Wynniat, Bartholomew Reynold Codlin

Arts & Sciences: Gawain ap Gawain, Joan the Just of Lismore Isle, Cailleach Anie, Rhowyn the Bard, Freydis the Far Travelled

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Barony of Borealis Standing Calendars

Canton of Veraquilon

Weekly meetings are held at Strathern United Church (basement gym) at corner of 95 Ave. and 86 St. every Monday.

6:30 PM Rapier Practice, 7:30 PM Fighter Practice.

Dance Practice/Music rehearsal on 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

Belly dancing every 1st and 3rd Monday.

Every Sunday there is an Archery Practice at Joan and Cennet's place south of Leduc in the afternoon when the weather is good and it doesn't conflict with major events. Call 986-6623

On the 1st Wednesday of every month we hold our monthly Business meeting and Tavern night at the Capilano Community League and Tennis club. Business meeting begins at 7:30 with the Tavern beginning an hour later at 8:30.

Canton of Stonewolf

Weekly Arts and Sciences classes are held every Tuesday at the Grand Center Library at 7:00.

Every Thursday there is a weekly Fighter practice (heavy & rapier) at the Grand Center Elementary School at 5:00.

Canton of Vingaard

Coming Soon: Rapier practice every Tuesday evenings, location TBA. Contact Nikolai at 532-0472.

Monthly feasts are held every 2nd Saturday of each month, the location varies. Contact Melisant de Alemanyne at dpearcy@telusplanet.net

Regular Arts and Science classes are held (almost) every Sunday afternoon at Sidonia & Magnus's house in Beaverlodge. Call 354-8733.

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Avacal calendar of events August to December

August

14-15	Sergeants Trials	Montengarde
21-22	Avacal Investiture	Bitter End

September

3-6	September Crown	Pendale
11-12	Gryphon's Fury	Artemisia
18-19	Silverwolf XX	Borealis
25-26	Harvest Feast	Bitter End

October

2-3	VinFest	Vingaard
09-10	20 th Anniversary	Myrgan Wood
16	Theme Feast	Stonewolf

November

06	Ferret's Feast	Valley Wold
27-28	Avacal Cornet	TBA

December

04-05	Yule Feast	Veraquilon
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Note from the Interim Editor

Greetings my friends, it has been a pleasure to produce yet another issue of the Aurora, albeit a hasty one with perhaps less than I would have liked to place in it. My apologies to Lady Julianna for not being able to include the second part of her submitted article. I have included part one of a three part article on the awards of An Tir (conveniently written by be for just such an occasion). Also included in an essay on minting coins for SCA use. So I hope you enjoy this issue and I hope I have another chance to produce one.

Lord Æthelstan of Carlisle

Sergeant/Yeoman/Gallant Trials and WAR College

August 13 to 15, 1999

Montengarde

Come one and all! Help Baroness Cattea test and select her Sergeants, Yeomen and Gallants from this year's group of Guardsmen! And while you are there, why not take some classes in the War College to help you prepare for the upcoming Griffin's Fury! Credits for classes go towards both Ithra and University of Avacal. Classes are: WAR for Heavies, WAR for Lights, WAR for Rapier, WAR Banner making, WAR Song Filking (I sense a trend), and How to Sooth the Weary Fighter. The 3 combative related classes start 10am Saturday and finish 3pm Saturday with an hour break for lunch and armoring up! After the classes, melees and scenarios!

Anyone wishing to try for S/Y/G of Montengarde next year will have their first opportunity to declare their intent, swear their fealty, and become a Guardsman at court on Sunday.

I hear that the Flaming Lemming Tavern will be on Site to provide food at a nominal fee.

Site: Camp Woods Boy Scout Camp (Same site as Avacal Investiture the next weekend): Site opens 7pm Friday and closes 2pm Sunday. Site fee is \$5 per day or \$12 for the weekend. There is water on site, as well as showers. The site is discreetly wet and all mundane and An Tir laws will be enforced. This includes the fact that all minors unaccompanied by their parents must have a minor waiver on them at all times during the weekend.

Directions: Take Highway 2 to Highway 11 West through Sylvan Lake and look for signs to Camp Woods Boy Scout Camp and follow those signs. SCA Signs will also be posted.

Autocrat: Lord Kraig Landentall of the Lemmings (403) 934-9216

For College info please contact: Mistress Marga

pay, bride price) and single function tokens such as gaming tokens, feast tokens, beer tokens, ransom tourney tokens, etc.

Far more ambitious and consequently less common, are attempt to circulate "general function tokens," i.e., something like "real money" that can be used for any transactions on site. William Arbuthnot's repros sold and used at Pennsic were an informal example. The brass "tygers" of the Kingdom of the East were a kingdom level attempt.

The "barak buck" copper follies of the University of St. Hildegard ("USH") are probably the most ambitious attempt to date in terms of the scale of mintage and the geographical breadth of circulation. The primary purpose of the baraks is to promote awareness of USH. However, at the same event (Festival of St. Hildegard II) where the baraks were first introduced, I also started issuing higher denomination trade coins as my own personal, private trade coins. Because I am presently the sole issuer of these higher denominations, and because I generally don't travel outside An Tir, my coins (at least theoretically) only circulate at about half a dozen major (usually Crown) events in An Tir each year where I set up as "money changer." The USH follies are intended to circulate Society-wide (at least within the U.S.).

In denominations ranging from \$4 to \$50, my personal trade coins are minted in small quantities in pure silver and gold using the most authentic methods used anywhere in the Known World. It is not practical for me to mint the necessary quantities of the much needed \$1 denominations, and because of restrictions in the guild's Bylaws, I cannot call upon the resources of the guild for assistance with a private enterprise of this nature. USH's mint is not restricted by Guild rules, and can make the concessions to modern technology necessary for the requisite mass production while still producing a reasonably authentic looking coin that perfectly compliments my own trade coin system. My own higher denomination coins are restricted by practicality to circulation in An Tir.

Dear Reader, if you know about any SCA minting activity not mentioned in this essay, please rest assured the reason was not because of any judgment that it is not worthy of mention, but rather because I simply haven't heard about it - yet. Please inform me.

MGW, having written Bylaws and an SCA bank account. Membership has always been small, partly because of more stringent requirements for Journeyman (particularly requiring proficiency in die-cutting), and because I don't include the ephemeral apprentices.

In order to promote cooperation between the guilds and expand organized moneying by period methods to the rest of the society, Emmerich proclaimed the Inter kingdom Moneyers' Guild in AS XXVIII (the MGW and the MgoAT are affiliates). In order to make way for the next generation of leadership in the MGW, Emmerich became the Minister of the IKMG. However, the IKMG was little more than a dream until Thirtieth Year Celebration, when Emmerich recruited new moneyers from half a dozen Kingdoms and also began selling his newly published The Moneyers Handbook, which is an introductory how-to manual based on many years of practical experience in large scale (by SCA standards) production by many people. It is written in an accessible, conversation style. On the basis of this manual, a person with no prior experience should be able to produce a reasonably authentic looking Anglo-Saxon style penny in pewter. The book is available from Emmerich for \$10 (including postage) at:

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The IKMG and its affiliates exist to promote production and use of period style coins by period style methods. We mint coins on site at events as a demo for the populace and as training for members. Members teach classes at guild faires and in conjunction with SCA educational institutions (e.g., the University of St. Hildegard and An Tir's University of Ithra). We can provide some assistance to any SCA moneyers in the form of some tools and materials, more or less at cost.

Most of the "coins" produced by the guilds as guild projects are commemorative medals (usually produced as fund raisers), Royal presentation coins, and single function tokens (e.g., site fee tokens, mainly for Crown events). Coins produced by SCA moneyers (regardless of whether they're guild members) also include "vanity coins," (i.e., personal presentation coins) symbolic money (e.g., fighter

Avacal Investiture August 21

Their Highnesses bid all to come and celebrate the ascension of their heirs. As well, it will be time for the Heavy and Light Avacalian Champions to pass on their duties. So come one, come all, to compete, to enjoy the merchants, or mayhaps just to enjoy the pageantry.

Site is the Camp Woods Boy Scout Camp, just outside of the town of Sylvan Lake. There is water on site, as well as showers (and no, we cannot guarantee that they will be any warmer than they were last year.) The site is discreetly wet and all mundane and An Tir laws will be enforced. This includes the fact that all minors unaccompanied by their parents must have a minor waiver on them at all times during the weekend.

Site opens 5:00 pm Friday and shuts down 12:00pm Sunday
Directions Take Highway 2 to the Highway 11A turnoff to Sylvan Lake. Follow this through Sylvan Lake (where for the duration of the town it becomes Lakeside Drive). Just before the Sylvan Lake Town Limits, there will be a provincial mileage sign (x amount of miles to Rocky Mountain House, etc). From that point, it is approximately 4.7 km to the Camp Woods turn off. You turn right onto a gravel road and drive another approximate 4.7 km. Turn right again and go about .5 km. The entrance to Camp Woods will be on your left. Turn left to reach the SCA camping site.

Fees: \$5 per day or \$12 for the weekend

For more info, contact the autocrat at Master Douglas Cameron Of Skye (MKA Doug Shore) 6551-59th Ave # C, Red Deer, AB, T4N 5R2 (403) 346-1334 (till 10 Pm) or gdshore@telusplanet.net



Silverwolf XX
Sept 18-19, 1999
Veraquilon

The Barony of Borealis invites the knowne world to its 20th annual Silverwolf tournament. Where upon the list field our heavies and lights, and any who wish to challenge them, will compete, in honorable combat, for the honor to wear the Silverwolf banner and lead our troops into battle. Also join us in a celebratory feast that evening to honor both the new champions and the anniversary of Borealis. So those of you who wish to celebrate bring your newest fancy garb to the feast hall and show off your grace and skill. And let us not forget the late nights around the bardic circle, so bring your tents and pavilions if you wish to stay through the night and celebrate.

But aren't we forgetting something? Ah yes! Rapier combatants do not despair, we have something *special* in store for you. So don't forget to bring your rapiers and your wits as Lord Dante hosts, for the first time in Avacal, a scenario tournament. Spectators are encouraged to watch the fun of this first time event.

In honor of our new Baron and Baroness the feast being prepared by Arianhrod the Laughing will be a truly *Scottish* feast (haggis optional of course). The bar being run by Dante and his Cadre will be a successful repeat of their last I'm sure.

So come and join us in an evening of fun and festive mirth as the canton of Veraquilon hosts the Barony of Borealis's 20th annual Silverwolf tournament at Holborn Hall just outside of Devon.

Feast: \$15 (under 12 free)

Site: \$5 (Off board at feast)

Directions: From the North or East: Take Highway 16 west, Turn South on Highway 60, Turn West on Highway 627 and travel 20km, Turn left and travel 6.5km south, Turn right and Travel 1.6km West.
From the South: Take Calgary Trail North and go to Devon, Travel 11km North to Highway 627 Turn West on Highway 627 and travel 20km, Turn left and travel 6.5km south, Turn right and Travel 1.6km West.

From the Silverwolf Champion of Arrows: To try to encourage Combat Archery in this barony, the champion will be chosen by a combination of a "One on One" combat archery duel combined with the score for a Royal Round target shoot. The tournament is open to everyone both natives and visitors. The championship will go to the

(presumably trained by Jensen) in the eastern kingdoms concerning the exchange value of gaming tokens.

The other person inspired to action by Richard of Redeggio's coin was Master Emmerich of Vakkerfjell OL (who was elevated to Laurel mainly for his moneying activities). With his close friend, Karl the Meek & Mild (aka "Beerslayer"), he began making pewter medals and tokens cast in plaster molds in the early 80's. When they started hand-hammering coins with steel dies and training other people how to do it, they founded the Moneyers' Guild of (the Principality of) Cynagua. This soon expanded to involve the whole Kingdom and was Chartered as the Moneyers' Guild of the West ("MGW"). Over more than a dozen years, the MGW has minted several tens of thousands of hammered coins of several dozen different types in their idiosyncratic and rather primitive, though often handsome, sort of Anglo-Saxon style. At any one time, their membership list includes up to three dozen individuals, although many are apprentices whose participation is ephemeral. The MGW is now being run by "third generation" people, i.e., people trained by people who were trained by Emmerich and Beerslayer.

Of the usual many local attempts at period style moneying in An Tir, one of the most prolific, and probably the longest running, was the production of beer tokens by the shire (and later, Barony) of Terra Pomaria (Salem, Keizer and Silverton, OR, where I live). These coins were primitive and not really period style, while the methods of production ranged from not quite period (hammered with dies punched into old leaf springs) to not at all period (hydraulic press with dremel engraved dies). However, everybody (including myself) loved them, and the opportunity to try something more period is what persuaded me to join the SCA in Fall, 1989. I taught myself how to do die sinking and hammer striking by trial and error - with some important advice from David Holland of the Bigbury Mint in Devonshire, England. (David is a professional engraver who has been minting for British historical reenactment groups for many years.)

In 1991, I learned of the existence of the MGW and made contact at An Tir/West War, where Emmerich immediately inducted me into the MGW as a Journeyman on the basis of my first set of steel coining dies. Emmerich then commissioned me to establish a branch of the Moneyers' Guild in An Tir, which I duly did. The Moneyers' Guild of An Tir (or "MGoAT" - the Guild badge is a rampant billy goat) was chartered by the Crown in September AS XXIX, after a year-and-a-half incipency period. The MGoAT is more formally organized than the

An Essay on the History of Minting in the Society for Creative Anachronism, by His Lordship Ian Cnulle, Fellow of the IKMG

People in the SCA have undoubtedly wanted to make "our own money," preferably in period style and by period methods, since the beginning and, from time to time, uncountable isolated individuals have tried (the earliest dated SCA coin in my own collection is AS VIII). However, at least in terms of authenticity, success was rare as there has been no literature telling how to do it.

Based on largely untested assumptions, academic numismatic literature usually describes the technology as very simple and leaves it at that. In fact, it is a simple technology, but when an attempt is made, it is readily apparent that many practical details are not self-evident and must be reconstructed by trial and error. (There is little detailed period documentation because the chronic threat of counterfeiting made the technical details akin to state secrets or the arcane of craft guilds).

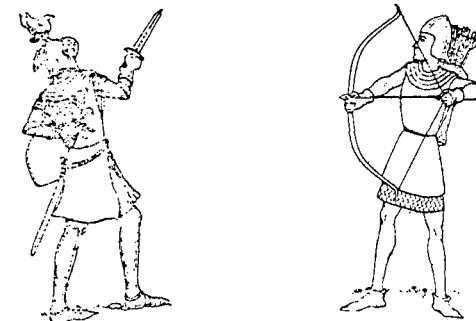
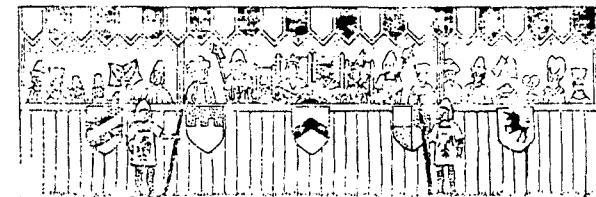
One of the earliest successes, perhaps as much as twenty years ago, was when Richard of Redeggio (somewhere in the East) minted a fairly authentic looking Anglo-Saxon style penny (in pewter, I believe) presumably using period style methods. This coin inspired two influential individuals. The first was Bill Jensen, known for many years as William Arbuthnot, the "Moneyer of Pennsic." He minted sterling silver reproductions of original medieval coins that were so accurate he stamped them with the word "COPY" to comply with the federal Hobby Protection Act of 1973. He sold his silver penny repros for \$5 apiece as souvenirs and collectibles; some merchants at Pennsic accepted them for \$5 and Bill repurchased them from the merchants at a discount. Before he dropped out, he trained a number of apprentices, one of whom was Thomas Olsen.

Olsen has been very prolific, minting perhaps a dozen different coins, and ten thousand pieces of one of his coins. Several years ago, he had a how-to-do-it article published in *Tournaments Illuminated*; however, I do not recommend this article as a source. He told me that excessive editing distorted the historical part of the article to the point that it is inaccurate and misleading. The technical part of the article describes Bill Jensen's method of striking (involving a string tied around the upper die) which is not a period method. Olsen recognized the desirability of a moneyers' guild, and his article mentions an informal "organization" facetiously called "the Counterfeiters' Guild," but Bill indicates it amounted to little more than an agreement among moneyers

highest ranking eligible native, but there will be an enticing prize (to be announced soon) for the winner of the tournament overall. You can compete in the target or combat portions but you have to compete in both to be eligible for the prize.

To make it interesting, the duel will be done in classic style. Each combatant will be allowed 6 missiles (arrow, axes, bolts, etc). There will be a 10 foot wide corridor marked on the ground. The contestants will begin back to back with a missile ready. The marshall will call out ten paces for the contestants to pace out. At 10, they turn and fire and the one who lives wins. If both live then the one with the least hits on their body wins. Anyone stepping out of the corridor, or firing closer than 15 feet will be disqualified. I hope that the contest will be entertaining for the spectators. See you there, and good shooting.... Master Mordecai Salzer Yeoman and Silverwolf Champion of Borealis, rslansky@cha.ab.ca

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Gryphon's Fury V Avacal / Artemisia
September 10 - 12, 1999

Greetings to one and all!

The growing friendship between Artemisia and Avacal has blossomed into a friendly battle to see who becomes the holder of the embalmed Gryphon for the next year. What began as a demonstration of U.S./Canadian cross-border friendship has become a major event for Artemisia and Avacal, with the fifth year promising to be a fun-filled camping weekend of revelry, games, shopping, feasting, dancing and WAR!

Lord Guillaume au Bon Cueur of Sentinels? Keep, Lord Steaphan MacTir of Castelleone, and Baron Derek the Exile of Avacal invite and welcome you to join us at Gryphon's Fury V. Come join the people of Sentinel's Keep and Castelleone host their Canadian cousins from An Tir, Avacal, Montengarde in gentle autumn of the Rocky Mountains outside Helena, MT. The site is well-known to Gryphon's Fury veterans - the Lions Sunshine Camp near Elliston, MT. There will be contests for the children, an IKAC archery tourney with the Royal Round, rapier battles, heavy fighting with archery (light and heavy) and after evening court, dancing with Baron Nicolo, and much more. Merchants will be there so you can buy that special item you saw in your summer travels!

Pets are welcome with a \$25 deposit for each pet. For more info, contact Lord Guillaume (Jim DeBates) at (406) 273-0088 or email: jdebates@msoairport.org.

The site opens at noon on Fri. Sept. 10 and closes noon on Sun. Sept. 12. A soup kitchen will be prepared for weary travelers arriving Friday evening. For details, contact Lord Steaphan (Craig Thomson) at (406) 457-1558, or email: fyrman@yahoo.com or kraggl@juno.com.

Site fee: \$8 U.S./\$12 Canadian. Cabin fee: \$30 US/cabin. Five available, each sleep six. First come, first serve basis. Reservations taken after Aug. 27. Contact Lord Guillaume for details.

The Lion's Torse is given by the King for armor worn on the field that is period, functional and esthetically pleasing.

The Lion's Sword is given by the King upon an individual's completion of a term as Champion of An Tir, either by holding the position until the next Champion's Tournament or by ascending the throne during their tenure as champion.

The Lion's Rapier is given by the Queen upon an individual's completion of a term as The Champion of Rapier Combat.

The Lion's Arrow is given by the Crown upon an individual's completion of a term as Kingdom Protector.

The Lion's Heart is given by the Crown upon an individual's completion of a term as Kingdom Arts & Sciences Champion.

The ranks of Sergeant-at-Arms, Yeoman, Gallant and Courtier in the Kingdom of An Tir shall be bestowed and administered by the Landed Barons and Baronesses of this Kingdom.

The Kingdom of An Tir recognizes the Arms and Orders awarded by other Kingdoms of the Society. Armigers permanently moving to An Tir will be placed in the An Tir Order of Precedence by the College of Heralds as though they had received the equivalent An Tirian awards.

An Tir Kingdom Laws: Article V - Precedence, Awards and Orders
Darius and Morgaine, AS XXXII (July 16, 1997)



The Throne's Favor is considered the highest award the Crown can grant to a subject or group for a significant contribution to the Kingdom through conspicuous service.

The Iron Chain is given by the Crown upon the recommendation of the previous recipients for deeds of true courage and bravery in the face of personal and real danger.

The Honor of the Lion of An Tir is given with the recommendation of the previous recipients and may be bestowed once per reign by the Crown. It is given to honor those who emulate the ideals and embody the essence of An Tir and the Laurel Kingdoms. The Crown shall only present this award at Kingdom level events at which the recipient is present.

The Forget-me-not is a token of personal favor given by the Queen.

The King's Favor is a token of personal favor given by the King.

The Belated Rose is a token of personal favor given by the Queen on the recommendation of the Orders of the Rose and of the Valorous Estate for courteous and courtly behavior.

The Honor of the Lion's Cub is given by the Crown to children who have shown noble merit.

The Mano d' Oro may be given by the Crown on the recommendation of the Minister of Arts and Sciences for excellence in and service to the arts and sciences of An Tir.

The Honor of the Carp is given by the Queen for excellence in period dress, thought, speech, behavior and encampment.

The Silver Rose is given by the Queen to the person who finishes second in the Crown Tournament.

The Muckin' Tall Maul is given upon recommendation of the previous recipient for ferocity on the field during the Crown Tournament lists.

The Old Shattered Shield is presented for valor and authentic death in the Crown lists by the previous recipient.

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Directions:

From the north: Best route to Helena, MT (usually via I-15). Follow Hwy. 12 West (exit 192 from I-15) through Helena. Follow Hwy. 12 west toward Missoula for about 22 miles (up and over MacDonald Pass). Turn left at the sign about 1/4 mile before the hamlet of Elliston. Follow the signs to the encampment. From the west, east or south: Use I-90 to get to Garrison Junction (between Butte and Missoula), and follow Hwy. 12 toward Helena. Continue to the small town of Elliston, and watch for the right-hand turn about 1/4 mile after Elliston. Follow the signs to the encampment. (Note: if you start climbing MacDonald Pass, you've missed it.)



**Harvest Feast
September 25, 1999
Bitter End**

Come one, come all! Heed the Bitter End call! The harvesting is done and it is time to celebrate our bounty among friends. This is the time to determine Bitter End's Champions of Archery and Heavy Combat. Both fields are open tournaments, but be warned, Bitter End would like to take our Championship back.

The Archery tournament will begin at 10 am; the heavy championship to follow with lists at 12 pm and fighting to begin at 12:30 pm. There will also be a small prize tourney for the rapier fighters starting around 2:00 pm. After we have all fought, cheered, sweated and eaten ratten, the real food will be served at 6:30 pm

Site Info: Tourney Site; site opens at 9:00 am
Feast Site opens 6:00 pm
Feast: reserved -\$15
non reserved \$18
off board \$6.00
Children 6 and under -Free
Children 10 and under -\$3
Children 15 and under-\$6

Pied Piper services will be available only while tournaments are on.
Please RSVP by Sept 10, after Sept 10 price will go up by \$5

Directions: To the Erics: Take your best route to Highway 2 to Red Deer. Take the 67th Street turnoff. As you get to the bottom of a valley, just before a bridge, take the right hand turn off. Turn left at the stop sign and follow Riverside Drive until you see the signs for Three Mile Bend. To the Feast Hall: the hall is located at 85 Boyce. From the south; Stay in the right hand lane coming off of Hwy 2, at the second set of lights, turn right (Mac's store). Go east 1 1/2 blocks to the Bower Kin Community Center. From the north; take the 32St overpass off of Hwy 2. Turn right (south) onto Gaetz Ave. At the 4th set of lights, turn left. Go east 1 1/2 blocks to the Bower Kin Community Center. Signs will be posted

Autocrats: Gwenyvere Campbell-MacLeod (Jennifer Campbell) (403) 227-5507 and Mary MacLeod (Jeanette Huseby) (403) 227-1415
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Other Armigerous Awards

The Order of the Goutte de Sang (Drop of Blood) may be offered to those the Crown finds especially deserving of honor for substantial service to the Kingdom. Membership in the order confers a Grant of Arms.

The Order of the Jambe de Lion (Arm of the Lion) may be offered to those the Crown finds especially deserving of honor for skill in the arts and sciences and willingness to share their skill with others. Membership in the order confers a Grant of Arms.

The Order of the Gray Goose Shaft is awarded by the Crown on the advice of the members of the Order for excellence in archery. Membership in the Order confers a Grant of Arms.

The Order of the White Scarf may be offered to those the Crown on the advice of the Order finds especially deserving of honor for skill in rapier combat. Membership in the order confers a Grant of Arms.

The Order of the Hasta Leonis (Spear of the Lion) is awarded by the Crown on the Advice of the members of the order for excellence and chivalry in the pursuit and practice of the art of War. Membership in the Order confers a Grant of Arms.

An Award of Arms may be offered to individuals or groups at the pleasure of the Crown. The titles of Landed Baron, Landed Baroness, Court Baron and Court Baroness carry an Award of Arms, if the person is not already armigerous.

Other Awards, Orders and Honors

In addition to the armigerous orders, the Crown may create and bestow orders and awards which are non-armigerous. Non armigerous awards will not determine ranking on the An Tir Order of Precedence, with the exception of the Honor of the Lion of An Tir.

A Unique Augmentation of Arms is considered the highest honor a person can be given for sustained service to Crown and Kingdom.

The title of Court Baron and Court Baroness is considered the second highest award the Crown can grant as a mark of personal favor.

Membership in the Order of the Rose is offered by the reigning Consort to those who have completed serving a term as Consort to the Sovereign. Members of this order are charged with encouraging chivalric and courteous behavior among all members of the Society.

Membership in the Order of the Lords and Ladies of Valorous Estate is given by the reigning Coronet Consort to those who have completed serving a term as a Principality Consort. Members of this order are charged with encouraging chivalric and courteous behavior among all members of the Society.

Peerage:

The award of membership in any of the Orders described in this section elevates the recipient to the peerage and Confers the right to bear arms by letters patent. All these patents of arms are considered equal in rank and honor. Although the primary qualifications for each order vary, aspirants and members of all these orders should be exemplars of chivalry and courtesy, and should be acquainted with a wide range of the arts and skills valued in the Society for Creative Anachronism. All members of each order have the right and responsibility to advise the Crown regarding selection of members for their respective orders.

Membership in the Order of the Pelican may be offered to individuals who meet the general criteria for the peerage and who have provided great and long-sustained service to the Kingdom at least equal to the level commonly found among existing members of the order.

Membership in the Order of the Laurel may be offered to individuals who meet the general criteria for the peerage and who have demonstrated great skill in one or more of the arts and sciences at least equal to the level commonly found among existing members of the order.

Membership in the Order of Chivalry (Knighthood or Mastery-at-Arms) may be offered to fighters who meet the general criteria for peerage and who display skill at arms at least equal to the level commonly found among existing members of the order. Prospective members accepted by the Crown may choose either Knighthood, if they are willing to place themselves in fealty to the Crown of An Tir, or Mastery, if they are not.

Vinfest I October 2-3, 1999 Incipient Canton of Vingaard (Barony of Borealis) Grande Prairie Alberta

Vingaard wishes to invite the populace of An Tir to their First Annual Vinfest. It will be an indoor camping event featuring Ithra classes and a rapier Tournament. Saturday evening will feature a banquet (which is sure to bring honor to our name) and festivities. As a new canton, our goal is to offer hands-on ithras in costume making, armor/weapon construction and helm making. Classes and Tournament will be scheduled to facilitate fighters participating in both.

As a special event for the weekend, Vingaard's vintners are planning to make a batch of "vin juice" complete with the ceremonial crushing of the grapes. It shall be reserved and showcased at next year's feast.

Site Information: D-Coy Armories, 100 Street and 90 Ave. Grande Prairie Alberta Indoor and outdoor camping available Site opens Friday evening and will close Sunday afternoon

Site Fee: \$20 for the weekend - this includes 4 meals (Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday; Lunch and Feast on Saturday)

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED please contact feastocrat by Thurs. Sept. 23. -there shall be no charge for children under 12.

Tentative Schedule: Friday site opens, Saturday 8:00 -9:30, Breakfast 9:00 -12:00, ithras 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch 1:00-4:00 ithras 4:30 -6:30 Rapier Tournament 7:00-9:00 Banquet 9:00 - ?? Bardic/Dancing on grapes and preparation of Vin juice Sunday 9:30 - 10: 30, Breakfast 10:30 -1200 Impromptu ithras/meetings

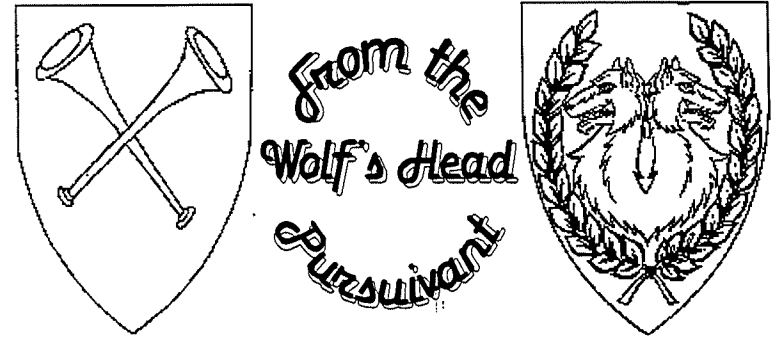
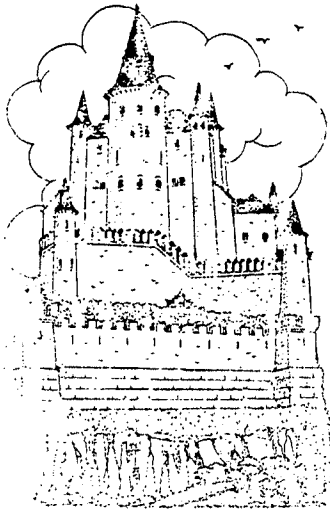
Autocrat: Villiard of Monmouth (Lane Borstad) (780) 532 0472, Lane@Borstad.com

Alternate contact: Melisant (Shanon Percy) (780) 538 3946, dpercy@telusplanet.net

Feastocrat: Daffyd (Dave Percy) (780) 538 3946: please contact for any food allergies

Ithra information/registration, Lady Margaret of Newark Abbey (403)
258-1604, wildwind@nuclueus.com

Directions to site From Edmonton: enter Grande Prairie by turning Left onto Highway 2 from Highway 43. Drive past the Prairie mall on 100th St. (continuation of Highway 2), through downtown and turn right on 90th Ave. (8 blocks past Sandman Inn). From Dawson Creek: enter Grande Prairie on Highway 43 past airport towards downtown. Turn right on 100th St. by Wendy's. Turn right on 90th Ave.



Something very distressing has come to my attention recently. It seems that a large part of the populace have no idea what, if any, Kingdom awards are out there for them to recommend people for. Truth be known there are many awards out there, some that people can receive through recommendations of others, other awards earned through positions held, be it a champion, princess or King. So in order to further education of the populace (and to make up for lost time) this month I am presenting a column on the Awards and Order of An Tir. Coming soon... Awards and Orders of Avacal.

Lord Æthelstan of Carlisle,
Wolf's Head Pursuivant.

Awards and Orders or "What are all those dangle things?"

Part I

Kingdom of An Tir Awards and Orders

All Royal Peers (Duke, Duchess, Count, Countess, Viscount and Viscountess, or their equivalent), carry with them arms by letters patent and shall be known as the Royal Peers of An Tir.

All those of Ducal rank (Duke or Duchess) may create for themselves a Ducal retinue (personal herald, guard, ladies in waiting, etc.) which will be recognized by the Crown and may hold Ducal Audiences or Courts. They may not grant any awards, but they may give tokens and scrolls of praise and recognition.