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CHRONICLER'S DESK

Greetings Avacal!

In my previous editorial, I discussed the importance of balancing structure and fun in the SCA to attract and retain new members. Today, I want to delve deeper into retention and address a critical issue that we must tackle as a community - the need for a more accepting and supportive culture.

As our community grows, we must ensure that new members feel welcomed and valued, and that they can participate in the SCA with confidence and enthusiasm. Unfortunately, some newcomers have reported feeling discouraged or unwelcome due to criticism or negative feedback regarding their attire or their attempts at other aspects of our game.

We all started as beginners, and it's our responsibility to treat new members with more respect and encouragement than we received when we first joined. Just because we made it through the filter doesn't mean everyone in the same situation would thrive. To this end, we must renew our commitment to a more accepting and supportive culture. We must foster that spirit of mentorship and guidance, where more experienced members can offer advice and support to newcomers. We must offer constructive feedback, providing tips and resources, and help new members connect with others who share their interests.

We also need to ensure that our interactions with new members are positive and welcoming. This means being mindful of our tone and language, and refraining from harsh criticism or negative judgment. Instead, we should celebrate the efforts and achievements of new members and encourage them to continue exploring the rich history and culture of the SCA.

Finally, let's remember that the SCA is a community, and as such, we all have a role to play in creating an environment where everyone is free to grow in the game. By embracing the diversity of our members and promoting acceptance and support, we can ensure that the SCA remains a vibrant and welcoming home for all who wish to participate in the pageantry, fun and wonderment of the Current Middle Ages.



See you next issue friends!

Hamelin L'Archier



AVANTGARDE SUBMISSIONS

Do you have an event? A story, news, recipe or a research article that needs to be shared? The Avantgarde has room for your submission! If you would like to submit content, please email chronicler@avacal.org and include your SCA name with you submission. Also, linked below are the release forms that may need to accompany it. Deadline for submissions is the 7th of each month.

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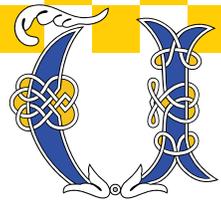
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KINGDOM AND COURT

nto the great populace of Avacal do Their Majesties send words and greetings:

Our wonderful Kingdom is mighty in many ways. Our February Crown did not disappoint with wonderful artistry, pageantry and chivalry. We saw beautiful works of art displayed, we welcomed a new Pelican to the flock and a new Laurel to the artists of the Realm. We welcomed our Heirs as Sir Gunther, inspired by the lovely Viscountess Eyoddi was victorious to become our new Crown Prince and Princesses of Avacal. Now a mighty host travels south to the far reaches of the Knowne World. The name Avacal shall be spoken. Our Heirs join us as we share Avacals Word Fame. The event will be busy with Wars, Tourney and revelry. I know those traveling with us will do this Kingdom proud.

Upon our return we look forward to attending TUA as teachers from near and far come to share their knowledge.

As always, please share recommendations so that we may recognize those deserving gentles for their contributions to this great Kingdom.

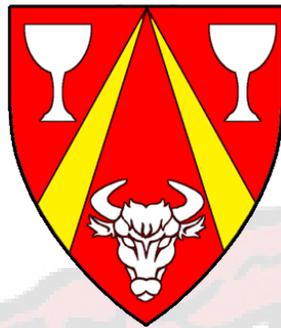
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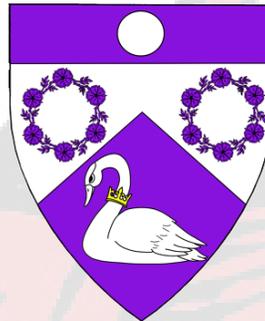


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Champion of Bardic	Thisbe Elysande La Blanchette
Champion of Rapier	Robert of Clan Gunn
Champion of Youth	Njord Swordbreaker

COMING EVENTS

Ferret's Feast - April 15, 2023, Shire of Valley Wold

Avacal Grand TUA - April 21-23, 2023, Barony of Borealis

May Coronation - May 19-21, 2023, Barony of Montengarde at Quad Site

May Days - May 26-28, 2023, Shire of Windwyrn

<https://newavacalwebtttwo.avacal.org/calendar/>

OFFICIAL EVENT POSTINGS

WINTER WAR

When: March 17-19, 2023

Where:

Wetaskiwin Drill Hall
4513 - 50 Street, Wetaskiwin, AB,
T9A 1L2

Site Hours: 7pm Friday until 12
noon Sunday

Price: \$25 (\$20 with membership)
17 and under free.

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Jófreysdóttir and Master Faelan
O'Dalaigh (Vicki Feyrer Foster
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Join Baron Jean & Baroness Guil-
laine at their last Winter War!

It will be a day filled with martial
combat and other activities!

War points will be awarded in
Heavy, Rapier, Combat Archery,
Youth Combat, Arts & Sciences and
Bardic competitions.

Details on scenarios will be posted
on the lists. Merchants welcome!

FERRET FEAST

When: April 15, 2023

Where:

Church of Our Lady
566 Vaughan Street, Moose Jaw,
Saskatchewan, S6H 4G9

Site Hours: 9 am to 11 pm

Price: \$25 (\$20 with membership)
17 and under free.

Event Stewards:

Lucia Magna (Deborah Oddie,
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Join the Shire of Valleywold as
they come together to celebrate
the changing of the seasons and to
select their new champions!

AVACAL GRAND TUA

When: April 21 - 23, 2023

Where:

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schoos
#39 - Ecole Mother Teresa
79 Old Boomer Rd

Sylvan Lake, AB T4S 1Z4

Site Hours: 5pm Friday until 12
noon Sunday

Price: \$30 (\$25 with membership)
17 and under free.

Event Stewards:

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Come One, Come All, to the
University of Avacal's 2023 Grand
TUA!

April 21-23, A.S. 57, in the Shire of
Bitter End. (Red Deer Catholic Re-
gional Schools #39 - Ecole Mother
Teresa, 79 Old Boomer Rd, Sylvan
Lake AB)

There will be chaldrons of amaz-
ing classes offered by instructors
from across the Known World.

Think of all the things you could
learn!

That's right, you can learn stuff!
You can teach stuff! (What kind of
stuff? Details will follow.) You may
even revel and carouse. (I mean,
historically isn't that what Universi-
ty students were known for?)

Whether you are a newcomer or
a seasoned veteran, we will have
something to interest you.

Would you like to teach YOUR
favorite stuff? Let us know!

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The University of Avacal (TUA) is
the educational arm of the King-
dom of Avacal. We are unique in

the known world, in that rather
than being under the purview of
the Arts and Sciences Office we try
instead to involve all the offices in
order to include classes for the ad-
ministration, marshallate, heraldry,
and all the other areas and aspects
of SCA life that have educational
needs.

THE SCA PROHIBITS HARASS-
MENT AND BULLYING OF ALL
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Participants engaging in this be-
havior are subject to appropriate
sanctions.

If you are subjected to harassment,
bullying or retaliation, or if you
become aware of anyone being
harassed or bullied, contact a sene-
schal, President of the SCA, or your
Kingdom's Board Ombudsman.

MAY CORONATION

When: May 19 - 22, 2023

Where:

Quad War Site

52°53'02.7"N 109°53'56.1"W

Site Hours: Noon to Noon

Price: \$30 (\$25 with membership)
17 and under free.

Event Stewards:

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Montengarde Presents the coro-
nation of their highnesses Prince
Gunther Rorickson and Princess
Eyoddi Lokadottir.

Also, Avacal will be hosting their
Heavy and Archery Champion-
ships.

AVACAL NEWS

MAY DAYS

When: May 26 - 28, 2023

Where: Grassy Lake Municipal Campground, 210 Chapman Ave Grassy Lake, AB T0K0Z0

Site Hours: 12 pm to 11 am

Price: \$25 (\$20 with membership) 17 and under free.

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Although winter lies heavily over the land,

the time has come to shake the dust of your travelling gear and join Windwyrn as we celebrate Spring and the start of the campaign season.

Come join in the Renewed Sheep Wars! Warriors shine up your weaponry and armour. Artisans display your wares. Bards share your stories and songs.”

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.



Distressed Dromedary

Countess A'isha requires your help in securing the safe return of her camel. It was stolen by a nefarious ne'er-do-well who shall not be named here. A'isha is asking all Avacal citizens to prepare largess in sufficient quantity that she may be able to hire assassins or otherwise secure the camel's release. Bring all largess to Winter War!

Out of Kingdom Event: Ducal War North VIII

When: June 23-25, 2023 Where: Northwood Lodge, Lac la Hache, BC

What: The Shire of Coill Mhor in Tir Righ cordially invites you to war, camping along a beautiful lake. Bring your own Ducal Household or come for hire, or just come and hang out for the fun of it! Competitions for: Brewing (Meads, Ales, Wines), Siege Cooking, Bardic etc. The best bardic anywhere near here happens at the Bardic Slam. Steward: Hamelin L'Archier (Kevin Lavoie, hamelin1066@gmail.com) Gate is \$30 (\$25 with membership discount), free from 17 and under. www.ducalwar.com for details - Registered Ducal Households get an allotment of cabins for rent.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion 2023

SCA Inc. reaffirms the Society's commitment to our own equity journey, the diversity of our members and participants and the opportunities this creates to become a more inclusive organization that champions and demonstrates chivalry and honor.

Diversity is about what makes each of us unique and includes our backgrounds, personality, life experiences and beliefs, all the things that make us who we are. It is a combination of our differences both visible and invisible that shape our view of the world, our perspective and our approach.

Inclusion occurs when people feel, and are, valued and respected, allowing us to learn from, and connect with, each other. When we feel we are included, we feel we belong.

Equity recognises that everyone is different, that varying levels of advantage or disadvantage exist in the societies in which we live, and that different people may require different supports and investments to succeed and realize their potential and opportunities.

DEI is any policy or practice designed to make people of various backgrounds feel welcome and ensure they have support to perform to the fullest of their abilities.

Strategic Objectives

- To promote the value that inclusion brings to the Society and its communities
- To attract and support a diverse membership that lives our values
- To value, engage, and include the rich diversity of our membership in our systems and practices

Key Principles

- Effective DEI initiatives benefit the Society
- Acknowledgement of the lived experiences of the Society's participants
- Respect that better practice is informed by practitioner expertise
- Transparency through regular communication

Immediate Actions

- Appoint a Corporate DEI Officer
- Hire an external DEI consultant to work in cooperation with the DEI Officer, key Corporate Officers and the Board in recognition of the scale of this work
- Review the DEI role/office and adjacent offices
- Develop an updated DEI strategy for the Society, supported by a measurable action plan with appropriate resources

Goals

- A DEI Office that meets the needs of the Society with clearly defined roles and responsibilities, based in current DEI professional practice and reflected in our operational documents
- A strategic plan for further refining and supporting DEI across the Society, backed by investment and role-relevant education
- The Society is positioned to become a more diverse organization that welcomes and values the different strengths its participants offer
- Safer, more inclusive spaces through improved education and behaviors that benefit everyone

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MEETINGS

All quarterly board meetings
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Depending on "safer-in-place"
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PLEASE NOTE:

For meetings not held in Milpitas, California, the procedure for the scheduling board meetings is to rotate the meetings between the different parts of the Known World. By necessity, this scheduling is done one to two years in advance. Often this is before the Kingdom Calendar is populated. While Corporate Operations reviews the Kingdom Calendar before scheduling a meeting and sends an email to the Kingdom Seneschal long before a meeting is finalized, it is not possible to guarantee that conflicts will always be avoided.

Kingdoms interested in hosting a Board Meeting should contact the Corporate Office for more information.

First Quarter 2023

Date: January 22, 2023
Please note: Agenda Deadline is January 1, 2023
BY VoIP

Second Quarter 2023
Date: April 23, 2023
Please note: Agenda Deadline is April 1, 2023
BY VoIP

Third Quarter 2023
Date: July 23, 2023
Please note: Agenda Deadline is July 1, 2023
Locale /Method TBA

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COURT REPORT

The Court of the Majesties King Kvigr Ivarsson and Queen Svava Suanhuita Avacal Winter Crown

Gunther Rorikson (Myrgan Wood)	Crown Prince	Feb 18, 2023 (AS LVII)
Eyoddi Lokadottir (Myrgan Wood)	Crown Princess	Feb 18, 2023 (AS LVII)
Dmitrii Korsak (Myrgan Wood)	Silver Griffin of Avacal	Feb 18, 2023 (AS LVII)
Renee Carr (Bordergate)	Silver Griffin of Avacal	Feb 18, 2023 (AS LVII)
Signe Smidja (Myrgan Wood)	Sable Flame	Feb 18, 2023 (AS LVII)
Thorgunn inn Vidforli (Myrgan Wood)	Sable Flame	Feb 18, 2023 (AS LVII)
Segdae Ua Faelain (Sigelhundas)	Pelican	Feb 18, 2023 (AS LVII)
Skaði Úlfsdóttir (Myrgan Wood)	Award of Arms	Feb 18, 2023 (AS LVII)
Trosten of Myrgan Wood (Myrgan Wood)	Award of Arms	Feb 18, 2023 (AS LVII)
Coryn of the Wode (Borealis)	Laurel	Feb 18, 2023 (AS LVII)



SEEKING NEW BARDIC A&S DEPUTY

Unto the Majestic Bards of Avacal do I send warmest of Greetings.

Oh Avacal, my sweet, my dear... I have grown old and tired and fear i can no longer go on.... As your Kingdom Bardic Deputy that is. It's time for me to step aside and let a younger more energetic minstrel take my place.

As the Kingdom Bardic Deputy, it is your job to encourage and inspire all those who wish to perform to do so at any event, bardic circle, challenge or championships.

Your role would be to Support and help develop the bardic arts throughout Avacal. You will report to the Kingdom Arts & Science Officer. Reports are to also be written and sent to them as well. You will also need to attend Curia's (if available to do so).

Another duty would be to maintain a registry of bards and other

entertainers, serving as liaison between performers and those seeking them.

As part of the Ministry of Arts and Sciences, it will also be your job to encourage the research and development of historically accurate period art forms, technologies, and philosophies.

As a team, you would be there to assist the Baronial Champions, as needed, to encourage Kingdom Bardic activities, encourage and assist Royals to choose retinue to assist with Bardic entertainment at Court (if the Kingdom Bardic Champion is unavailable to do so), and run the Tournament of Tournament competition each year (and in doing so, also encourage and reward those who participate).

Avacal! I seek a new Bardic Cheerleader! Do you seek to meet and encourage every Bard in our Kingdom, new and old? Are you approachable and open to suggestions and growth to

help and continue changes in the art of entertainment that would benefit our great Kingdom?

Then look no further! Please email me with your SCA CV and your letter of desire to be the next to take on this glorious and rewarding role at bardic_deputy@avacal.org

Always Yours in Service, Laughter and Song... Always.

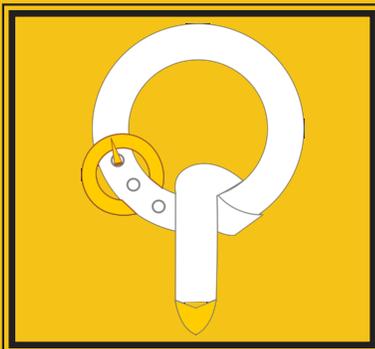
Countess Karina de Elephantide
Kingdom Bardic Deputy
(2018-2023)



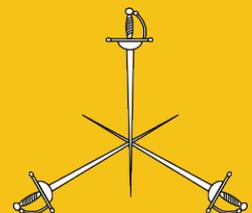
AVACAL ON VIGIL



A'ISHA RAYHANA AL-KARIM
ORDER OF THE LAUREL
STUDENT TO: N/A
ELEVATION: May Coronation
VIGIL ORGANIZING: Gwen



KATHRYN INGHEAN UI MHAONAIGH
ORDER OF THE CHIVALRY
SQUIRE TO: Albrecht von Rugen
ELEVATION: TBA
VIGIL ORGANIZING: Albrecht von Rugen



AVACAL WINTER CROWN AS 57



Gifts: Tofa and Conan present Their Majesties and Their Excellencies with a gift of arrows. Photo by Conan

Winter Crown AS 57 In Pictures



Dirk escorts Coryn to the thrones of Avacal before her elevation to Laurel. Photo by HE Morrigan

Segdae Ua Faelain released from fealty to HE Roxanne Delaroché as he is elevated to Pelican of Avacal. Photo by Conan



Sir Dmitrii Korsak and Mistress Coryn of the Wode at her vigil Friday night. Photo by HE Morrigan

AVACAL WINTER CROWN AS 57



Left: Sir Korsak fighting Edward Vikingsson, Avacal Champion of Sword. Photo by: Conan. Bottom right: Her Grace Duchess Asney Grimolfrsdottir addresses the audience on behalf of Segdae on his elevation to Pelican. Photography by HE Morrigan. Above: Mistress Kathryn inghean Ui Mhaonaigh smiles at Their Majesties as she is placed on vigil for the Order of the Chivalry. Photo by Conan.



Viscount Gunther Rorikson wins the Crown of Avacal for his inspiration Viscountess Eyoddi Lokadottir at the Winter Crown Tournament, AS 57. Photo by Conan. The finals were against Sir Dmitrii Korsak, inspired to by Her Ladyship Renee Carr. Their Royal Highnesses will enjoy a brief heirdom before stepping up as our next Royals at May Coronation, being held at the Quar War Site, May 19 - 22, 2023 (AS 58)



MERCHANTS OF AVACAL

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer Appointed

The Board of Directors is pleased to appoint Chuck Burk (Baron Charles de Bourbon, OL) as the SCA Inc. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer.

Charles works in DEI for a large online tech retail company where he is responsible for leading a team that works with senior leaders, cross-organizationally, to create inclusive customer experiences as well as developing and delivering DEI training content for leaders. His personal expertise is using data to convince leaders to make change on behalf of marginalized communities leveraging almost two decades of experience in customer advocacy. Charles has

organizational DEI certifications from Cornell University and the University of South Florida. He is currently working on a specialization in DEI Organizational Strategy through the University of California, Santa Cruz. Charles

lives in Washington with his husband, Chad, and their two puppies Haku and Kiki. He identifies as Queer and his pronouns are he/him.

Charles de Bourbon joined the SCA in 1994 when he was a junior in High School. He started in the Barony of Bordermarch in Ansteorra where he

Gleann Abhann. Charles' areas of interest in the SCA are largely focused on the Arts and Sciences – specifically in European Fashion of the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries. He has held local and kingdom offices as well as creating event concepts and running events. He has also been known to run the occasional feast. Charles was a member of the An Tir's DEI council, and he is currently the Chamberlain for his local group.

The Corporate DEI Officer is responsible for the ongoing development of plans and education to further promote and embed diversity, equity and inclusion for the Society. The DEI Officer leads policy and educational changes but they are not alone in this work.

Creating an atmosphere where all people feel welcome and valued in the SCA is the responsibility of all participants. The appointment term is 3 years.



played for almost 10 years before moving to Meridies, Gleann Abhann, and finally An Tir where he has lived for the last 12 years. He is a member of the Order of the Laurel and a former landed Baron of the Barony of Axemoor in

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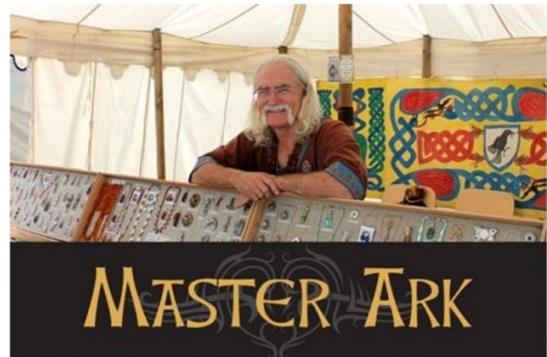
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With the sun shining and summer in full bloom, have you been eager to set up your encampment but can't seem to find all of your tent pegs or S hooks? Has your spouse been saying they'll get around to making you a trivet but keeps going a Viking or chasing the goats in the field? Or are you looking for a new tripod to give your fire that special something? Well look no further because here at Iron Sunset Forge lady Thora Volundsdottir is here to help with all your iron needs. We even make flint strikers to get your fire going. Feel free to contact us at ironsunsetforge@gmail.com (fb:iron sunset forge)

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COVER: Mistress Kathryn inghean Ui Mhaonaigh is surrounded by the Order of the Chivalry and her hands taken up by King Kvigr and Queen Svava whom she looks up at while being offered admittance to the order. February Crown AS LVII, Photo by: Conan of Myrgan Wood.