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# CHRONICLER'S DESK

Greetings Avacal!

Happy New Year!!! As we leave AS 57 behind and embrace the young and hopeful AS 58, I see nothing but opportunity! Our game is so comprehensive that I doubt there is anyone who has tried everything – and most have hardly scratched the surface of what the SCA has to offer. So, I challenge everyone to try something new in the SCA this year.

What do you love in the SCA? What do you like in the SCA? What have you never tried? This is our New Year's edition, and I am taking a break from my previous series looking at trends affecting our game to talk about New Year's resolutions. As we welcome May 1st, the new year of the SCA, it's time to reflect on the past year and set intentions for the year ahead.

I challenge each and every one of you to step out of your comfort zone and try something new in the SCA. Embrace something you have dabbled with, or dabble in something you have never thought to. I will also take up this challenge: I am going to compete in the Bardic Championship at TUA. I have never really labelled myself a bard, but I enjoy singing around a campfire. My style of bardic, filking, isn't everyone's cup of tea, and my songs of choice are anything but period, but they are part of a long line of tradition in the SCA. They were part of my first event and hopefully will be there until the end.

We are surrounded by our friends and chosen family here, we should feel free to take those risks in trying something new. Let's make the new year of the SCA a time of growth, learning, and discovery. Share your SCA New Year's resolutions with your local group and the wider community, and let's inspire each other to try new things and achieve our goals.



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](mailto:chronicler@avacal.org) and include your SCA name with your 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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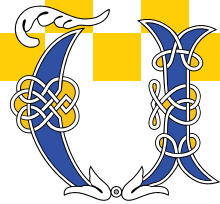
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# KINGDOM AND COURT



nto the Mighty Kingdom of Avacal,

We bid you greetings in this our final missive as King and Queen.

We returned home from our travels to Gulf Wars with full hearts and full of pride in our kingdom. Avacal was well represented indeed! Thank you to everyone that joined us and made it possible to attend and share the magic that Avacal has to offer. There are many photos and stories to share. We look forward to seeing Our populace in person to share them.

It is good to be home once again and we now turn our thoughts to our April Grand TUA. We look forward to witnessing our Championships for both Kingdom Bardic and Kingdom Arts and Sciences. It promises to be an entertaining time, with many worthy candidates vying! Well done to all those courageous souls that entered, and congratulations to those successful in taking up the champion titles. We hope to take some classes while attending (and don't forget, his Majesty Kvigr is teaching a class as well!).

Very soon our time as your Crown will come to an end. Please join us in May for Coronation as we bear witness to Our Heirs taking up the mantle. As We pass the Crowns to HRH Gunther and HRH Eyoddi, We wish them the best for their reign.

We are so grateful for having had the opportunity to be the Crowns of Avacal. There are not words to convey the gratitude we feel. We would not have been able to do this without the help and support of so many. To say thank you is not enough. We are honored to have been your King and Queen.

In service to Avacal and the Dream, now and always.

Kvigr and Svava  
King and Queen of Avacal



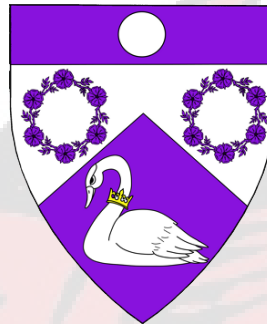


# KINGDOM AND COURT

## ROYALTY, AVACAL



KVIGR IVARSSON  
KING



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

### COMING EVENTS

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

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

*Silverwolf - June 9 - 11, 2023, Barony of Borealis*

*Dragon Slayer - June 16-18, 2023, Barony of Montengarde*

*Quad War - June 30 - July 4, 2023 - Shire of Bordergate*

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

# OFFICIAL EVENT POSTINGS

## 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:

Pol the Blackfist & Maggie the  
Magpie (Wayne Stark & Melanie  
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Montengarde Presents the coronation of their highnesses Prince Gunther Rorickson and Princess Eyoddi Lokadottir.

Also, Avacal will be hosting their Heavy and Archery Championships.

## 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 off your traveling gear and join Windwrym 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."

## SILVERWOLF

When: June 9 - 11, 2023

Where:

Warburg Arena & Ball Diamonds  
5339 50a Ave, Warburg, AB,  
T0C2T0

Site Hours: Noon to Noon

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

Event Stewards:

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Samuel of Borealis (Samuel Fe-  
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Join Borealis as we celebrate the reign of Jean and Guillaine and welcome the new coronets of Aman & Sarah! Also, Borealis will be hosting their Championships for Archery and Rapier, followed by a feast.

## DRAGON SLAYER

WHEN: June 16 to 18, 2023

Event site opens on Friday at Noon and closes Sunday at 11:00am.

WHERE: Emerson Bridge Park Camp-  
ground (Overflow Area)

225042 HWY36, Duchess/Newell County  
No. 4, AB, T1R 1B2

(Off Hwy 36, North of Hwy 1, on the Red  
Deer River)

Event Co-Stewards: Lucrezia Iseppa Con-  
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Event Page: Pending

Baronial Page: <https://www.montengarde.org/Welcome/dragonslayer/>

Kingdom Page: <https://newavacalwebttwo.avacal.org/calendar/?event=2461>

Registration Page: <https://forms.gle/o5TR8qU7sNnvQ4CAA>

Prices:

Adult Non-Member: \$25

Adult Member: \$20

Youth (under 18): Free

Dragonslayer & Dragonblinder Champi-

onship information to be posted on event page on April 30, 2023. Our brave Scout's have provided reports showing an increasing series of hostile dragon raids here in Avacal, including the discovery of many a Dragon nests!!! Their Excellencies of Montengarde are gathering the armies, and the our brave champions call out for those who would seek to join us on our quest to slay them! The Dragons themselves are rising in number, and many scouts were lost gaining this crucial information for us. The feral Dragons have been hoarding all the CHEESES!! For the sake of all that is holey (like swiss or gouda), we must save the Cheese & put down these hostile Dragons who would seek do our lands & peoples harm!!!

There is no feast or canteen on site! - Fire Pit information pending: As per the Alberta Wildfire group (restrictions and bans) & campground requirements/assessment. Alberta Firebans website: [www.albertafirebans.ca](http://www.albertafirebans.ca)

Merchants are Welcome - No merchant fee! Activities & Classes to be announced on the event page.

If you wish to teach a class, or run an activity, please contact the Stewards at [events@montengarde.org](mailto:events@montengarde.org)

Further details and schedule TBA - coming soon. For those with trailers and RV's who will be joining us on site, therewill be no power or water available to attach to, and we are not allowing generators to be used on the event site. Those who wish to use generators, or pay for power and/or water connection will have to arrange a separate site in the campground proper with the campsite authorities. Costs for these sites are not covered by the event, and will be up to each owner to cover for those services. Reservations are recommended for the private sites. Site contact information is above.

\*\* For persons with disabilities requiring a generator, you & your generator will be allowed and accommodated on the event site \*\*

# EVENTS / NEWS

## QUAD WAR

When: June 30 - July 4, 2023

Where:

Quad War Site

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Site Hours: Noon to Noon

Price: \$30 (\$25 with membership)

17 and under free.

Event Stewards:

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Within the borders of the fair Kingdom of Avacal, there are whispers of an epic battle years in the making. Whispers become roars, and build the anticipation. The Shire of Bordergate would like to invite one and all to participate in the quintessential medieval event, Quad War, and celebrate with our Avacal & visiting kingdom friends.

## 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 alongside 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](http://www.ducalwar.com) for details - Registered Ducal Households get an allotment of cabins for rent.



Ducal War is at Northwood Lodge, right on Timothy Lake in the beautiful Cariboo region of British Columbia. Camping right on the lake, power and water available to most sites.

*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.*

## 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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### **Next Board Meeting:**

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Mt. Olive Lutheran Church  
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### **QUARTERLY BOARD**

#### **MEETINGS**

All quarterly board meetings  
have a 10:00 am start time unless  
otherwise stated.

Depending on "safer-in-place"  
regulations in effect, meetings  
may be handled by VoIP rather  
than in person.

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## Pennsic Decision Planning

### Q&A with Arwyn, Avacal Pennsic Coordinator

So, for those thinking or dreaming about attending Pennsic 50, I'm going to do a short series of articles (this issue, May and June) to get you into the spirit and decide if you want to go. We would love to have 50 Avacalians for Pennsic 50! This article will focus on the general planning questions to help you decide to come to the largest Known World War. So let's get going.

Q: How long is Pennsic? What is Peace Week? What is War Week?

A: Pennsic is a two week long event. Some people only come for peace week, some only for war week, some for just the weekends. Peace Week goes from the first Friday (Jul 28) to Thursday before the middle weekend (Aug 3). War Week goes from the Friday of the middle weekend until the end (Aug 4 to Aug 13). Peace week means war has not been declared which happens at opening ceremonies on the middle Saturday at around 6pm (Aug 5). Then the battles start on Sunday of the middle weekend (Aug 6) and go until closing ceremonies on Friday (Aug 9) after the last battle.

Q: When should I go? One week or two? What if I have limited time?

A: I usually go for two weeks. Partially because a majority of my friends from Ealdormere, East and Northshield go for that long. I also go to ensure that the "Kingdom of Avacal" and now the "Populace of Avacal" encampments are set up and coordinated for those coming later. I also go early so my body gets a chance to get used to the humidity which really works. However, prior to coming to Avacal, I only went once for two weeks and most of the time for one week. For new people to Pennsic, one week is probably enough "pennsic" which can become overwhelming. Arriving on Friday (Aug 4) gives you the biggest bang for your \$US buck (see fees answer below)

Q: What if I can only go for the first week (Peace)? What happens then?

A: Peace week still has martial activities (some rapier tournaments and lots of pickups for armoured combat and rapier). The range is open for archery practice as is thrown weapons. Most merchants are open at least restricted hours. University is running at about 60-70% of its full capacity. Most parties start around Wednesday or Thursday. It's generally quieter, less busy and can still be fun.

Q: How do I get there? Can I drive it?

A: Well, some people drive it. Li Xia is usually looking for a passenger to take and normally goes for two weeks. Sometimes people drive all night with four drivers (Hrogn, Astrid, Gunther and Eoyddi did it once). To Pennsic from Alberta, Borealis/Montengarde is about a 30-32 hour drive (without the border). From Saskatchewan, Mygran Wood and Sigelhundas are around 24 hours. It tends to save on issues if you want to bring more gear beyond your garb, activity stuff (armor, bow, etc) and some people like the trek. I know a few University Profs and teachers who do the trips from Washington state or California because they have time. Post on the "Avacal goes to Pennsic 50" Facegroup if you have space and/or if you want a ride.

Q: Ok, I don't have that much time to drive. Can I fly? Where to? How do I get to Coopers Lake then?

A: Well, I fly to Ontario to visit and deal with family issues and sometimes deal with work and so, for me, it could be Hamilton, Kitchener-Waterloo or Toronto. Then I rent a car for a week or two and I'm lucky to have access to a good corporate rate. Swoop and Flair are cheap flights with extra costs for luggage. Westjet and Air Canada



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also fly there. However, what I like about these is that I can normally get a direct flight or can wait if they lose my luggage. Airport shuttles exist from Pittsburgh airport to Pennsic Gate (around \$150US/person/way or there are some good prices for ubers). Johanna was able to get a SCA person who knew pennsic as her Uber driver and was willing to wait for security to escort them down to our camp. This is useful because Kingdom of Avacal and Populace of Avacal encampments are about 1 mile (yes I did say a mile) from Gate/Troll.

Q: A tent? A sleeping bag? How do I get that there?

A: We may have someone driving from here to Pennsic and looking to take some people's gear. However, there's other ways. We have a few tent rental companies that will put them up and take them down for you.

Yes, period style tents are cool but lots and lots of people camp with regular camping gear. Last year, Johanna preordered a tent and sleeping bag at a local Walmart (her uber actually took her there) and used it for the two weeks. She donated them to the paladin cupboard who then takes tents, sleeping bags, cots, etc for the homeless of the area. If you have a failure, Coopers store often has some basic things that can help you.

Q: How about RV Camping? We could rent one right?

A: At this point, RV Camping is restricted and normally is completely booked by mid January. Please do not think you can get away with this. At this point, plan to be on site with a tent or in a hotel offsite.

Q: What does pre-registration mean? How does it work for Avacal?

A: Avacal has a standard allotment for Pennsic at 7000 SFT as the "Kingdom of Avacal" which is enough for 15 people and kingdom/common space that is needed for royal activities. Once we get to 15 people, the camp will close at that size. We have also registered the "Populace of Avacal" with the first preference to be in the same block as "Kingdom of Avacal". Space is allocated by the number of people who pre-reg and you get 250 sq ft per person. Based on the size of the camp, Pennsic land will assign the "Populace of Avacal" encampment using the best "tetris fit" technique. Our second, third and fourth choices are also really close.

Pre-reg closes on Jun 11 for online registration (easiest). However, I would prefer if you could decide if you are going by Victoria Day weekend so we can get some preliminary numbers. You don't have pre-reg for the full two weeks if you're not sure if you are going for that long. I usually pre-reg for 1 week so my camp gets the 250 sq ft and pay the difference at Gate/Troll.

Q: How much does Pennsic cost? Gate Fees?

A: Pennsic itself is not terribly expensive. Pre-registration deposit is \$175US for one week and \$215US for two weeks. The rate starts when you arrive and not for how long you are there. So, if you arrive anywhere between July 28 to August 3, then you need to pay the two week fee even if you go home after one week. Check out the cool calculator on the Cooper's website at <https://www.cooperslake.com/prereg/account/gatefees.php> to see how your pre-registration deposit can be applied and how your membership can save you money.

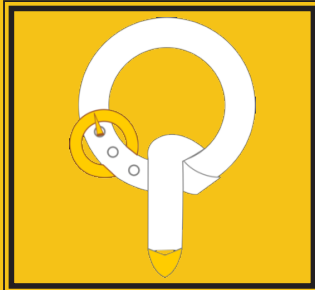
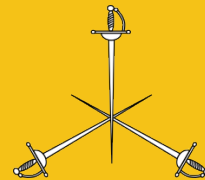
If you're now interested and debating on coming, join the "Avacal goes to Pennsic 50" facebook group and continue to ask questions. Next month: Activities, Opening Ceremonies, Parties, Midnight Madness, Entertainment, Merchants, Dance and Games and cool things not to miss

# COURT REPORT

## 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

### The Court of the Majesties King Kvigir Ivarsson and Queen Svava Suanhuita Gulf Wars XXXI

Sethric Einarsson  
Arkill MacMillan

Coill Mhor, Tir Righ  
Cold Keep, Tir Righ

King's Favour  
King's Favour



# OPEN OFFICER POSITIONS

## Kingdom Office - Principal Herald of Avacal

We are seeking applications for the Office of Principal Herald of Avacal. My term as Sanguinaris Herald is ending at the end of July 2023.

The Officer is both challenging and rewarding. You will coordinate and work with a great team of Heralds inside and outside our Kingdom.

The responsibilities of this office include:

\*Kingdom officers are required to have active membership status with the Society.

\*File Quarterly Reports from your officers and report to Avacal Curia and the Society Herald, known as Laurel.

\*Give good counsel to their Majesties

and court regarding heraldic matters. This includes Kingdom awards, devices, precedence, ceremonial, information about cultural aspects of the Society and heraldic advice.

\*Attend monthly decision meetings to determine the status of heraldic submissions.

\*Recruiting and training new heralds is a way to grow the college and build a more significant knowledge base.

\*Maintain a welcoming environment and abide by Society and Kingdom, laws and customs.

You are only expected to know and answer some questions but understand what resources are available and how to

seek them out.

Please have a look at the Society Herald Admin Handbook for more questions.

<https://heraldry.sca.org/admin.html#X.A>

If you are interested in this challenging and rewarding job, please send an Email to

[herald@avacal.org](mailto:herald@avacal.org) and [crown@avacal.org](mailto:crown@avacal.org)



## Arts & Science Deputy: Bardic

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](mailto:bardic_deputy@avacal.org)

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

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





# AVACAL GOES TO GULF WARS XXXI

## Avacal at Gulf Wars XXXI in Pictures



Several brave and determined souls braved the travels from the safety of Avacal to hostile lands of war and warmth. Some drove and some flew to the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann, but all made it there and home unscathed. Above: Most of the attendees of Gulf Wars XXXI - Photo by Ademar. Below: Left - Their Majesties tent at the Moose Lodge encampment, our lovely hosts. Lower right, top: Early Period Life Encampment, Photo by Signe Smidja. Lower right, bottom: The Green Dragon Inn, a permanent pub on site, with great bardic, Photo by Sibylla de Waryn. Opposite Page: Top Left: Hamelin with Their Majesties after winning the Known World Bocce Ball Tournament for Avacal. Photograph by Richard Harris. Top Right: Period Norse Longhouse where all the best bardic happens, Early Period Life encampment, Photo by Skald Peacemaker. Bottom Left: Skald and Thorgunn competing for Her Majesty in the Diamond Tournament, Photo by Their Majesties. Middle Right: Avacal Processing the Grand Opening Ceremonies, Photo by Melanie Gadon. Bottom right: Avacal Encampment at night, looking enchanting, Photo by Signe Smidja.





# AVACAL GOES TO GULF WARS XXXI





# Society Officer Opening - Marshall

The Marshal of the Society's area of authority is all martial and related activities practiced in the Society, both those described by the handbooks approved for the office and proposed as additions to those handbooks (experimental activities). The Marshal will work to encourage the participation of all in the Society's martial activities, and strive to expand and improve those activities for the benefit of the Society and its members.

The duties of the office include:

- Directing the Earl Marshals of the Kingdoms in matters concerning the supervision of martial and related activities at Society events
  - Overseeing the manner and conduct of duties of all marshals throughout the Society
  - Working to promote and improve the safety of the Society's martial activities
- Working with the Minister of Arts and Sciences to encourage research in armor, weapons, and the practice of historical martial arts

Day-to-day work of the position entails administering the marshallate activities of the Society and coordinating the activities of the Kingdom Earl Marshals, and of all Deputy Society Marshals for the individual

disciplines. Reports are required to be filed quarterly to the Board summarizing the martial activities of the Society. The Society Marshal is also responsible for maintaining communications with the Kingdom Earl Marshals. These activities specifically include:

- Warranting (with the Crown) Earl Marshals for twenty kingdoms
- Warranting (with the Board) Deputy Society Marshals for Armored, Rapier, and Youth Combat, Combat Archery, Siege Weapons, Equestrian, Rebated Steel, and Target Archery and Thrown Weapons, and other deputies as needed
- Supporting the Earl Marshals when they have questions, and advising them as necessary
- Resolving disputes among marshals, and between marshals and the Crown
- Serving as the point of appeal for sanctions applied by the Earl Marshals
- Encouraging the expansion of martial activities in the Society by the wise revision of the marshallate's documents and by conducting experiments with new materials and activities

The successful candidate must be well versed in administrative techniques, prob-

lem solving, and interpersonal communications. The successful candidate will possess:

- Knowledge of marshallate policy, rules, and procedures
  - Knowledge of the traditions of the Society
  - Extensive negotiation skills and experience in resolving differences
  - The ability to set aside all preferences and biases for the betterment of all
  - Patience in the face of emotion, advocacy and provocation
  - Expertise in the use of modern communications media, messaging, e-mail and telephone
  - The ability and availability to travel as necessary
- Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, together with modern and SCA qualifications, hardcopy to:

Louise Du Cray, P.O. Box 611928 San Jose, CA 95161

with courtesy copies to [resumes@sca.org](mailto:resumes@sca.org).

The deadline for applications is June 15, 2023 and is open to members of SCA Inc and all affiliates

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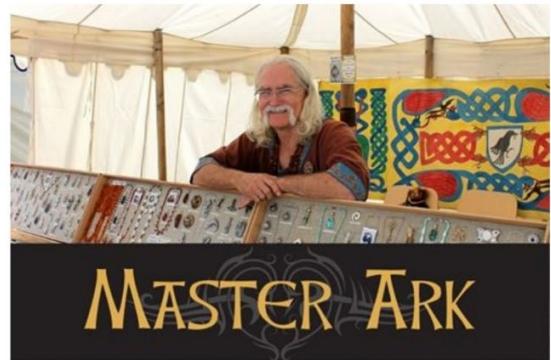
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With the sun shining and summer in full bloom, have you been eager to set up your encampment but can't seem to find all of your tent pegs or S hooks? Has your spouse been saying they'll get around to making you a trivet but keeps going a Viking or 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](mailto:ironsunsetforge@gmail.com) (fb:iron sunset forge)

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COVER: Their Majesties Kvigr & Svava with Their Royal Highnesses Gunther and Eyoddi getting ready for the Grand Processional at Gulf Wars XXXI - Photograph by Cassian Jaskólski