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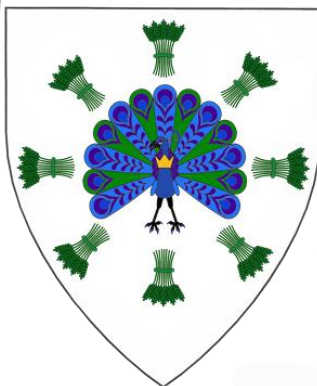


Kingdom of Avacal's Official Newsletter  
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# AVACAL ROYALTY



**AIDEN AP GRENDAL**  
**KING OF AVACAL**



**ISSABELLA OF KENDAL**  
**QUEEN OF AVACAL**

## KINGDOM OF AVACAL CHAMPIONS

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Youth Champion	Guglielmo di Pietro	
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Champion of Bardic	Dolce Machiavelli	<a href="mailto:Champion_of_bardic@avacal.org">Champion_of_bardic@avacal.org</a>
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# Royal Progress

December 10th, 2025, to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Branch	Event	Date	TRM's
Borealis	Yule	Dec 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	K&Q (&PR)
Montengarde	12 <sup>th</sup> Night	Jan 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	K&Q (&PR)
Ealdormere	Couer de Glace	Feb 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	King
Vinjar	Winter Crown	Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	K&Q (&PR)



nto the populous of avacal,  
GREETINGS FROM THE GRYPHON THRONE

we would have it be known that we will be installing  
master bjar the blue as castelan in the barony of  
montengarde.

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# Kingdom Officer Opportunities

Open officer positions are listed on Avacal.org as vacant. If you are interested in assuming an officer position, please submit your letter of intent as well as your SCA and mundane resume to the Chief Administrator of that Office and the Seneschal.

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Avacal's College of Heraldry requires a Contingency Deputy Herald to meet kingdom status conditions. If you are interested, please forward your SCA resume and a letter of application to the current Sanguinaris Herald, Arwyn of Leicester at [herald@avacal.org](mailto:herald@avacal.org).

## CONTINGENCY DEPUTY HERALD AKA RED RAM HERALD

### Job Description:

1. The Contingency Deputy Herald will administer the office if the Sanguinaris Herald, for whatever reason, cannot continue in that role.
  - a. Specifically, the contingency deputy herald will work with the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal to advertise and select a new replacement.
2. The Contingency Deputy Herald shall not be a spouse/partner of the Sanguinaris Herald.
3. The Contingency Deputy Herald will report quarterly to Sanguinaris Herald.

### Skills and Competencies:

- o Prefer to have a knowledge of a least one aspect heraldry or a willingness to learn
- o Strong administrative skills including email, spreadsheets, word processing
- o Good working knowledge of governing aspects of the SCA such as corpora, kingdom law and Avacal customs
- o Able to learn administrative aspects of heraldry such as OSCAR (Online System for Commentary and Response), Administrative Handbook, Order of Precedence, etc.



## KINGDOM CHRONICLER

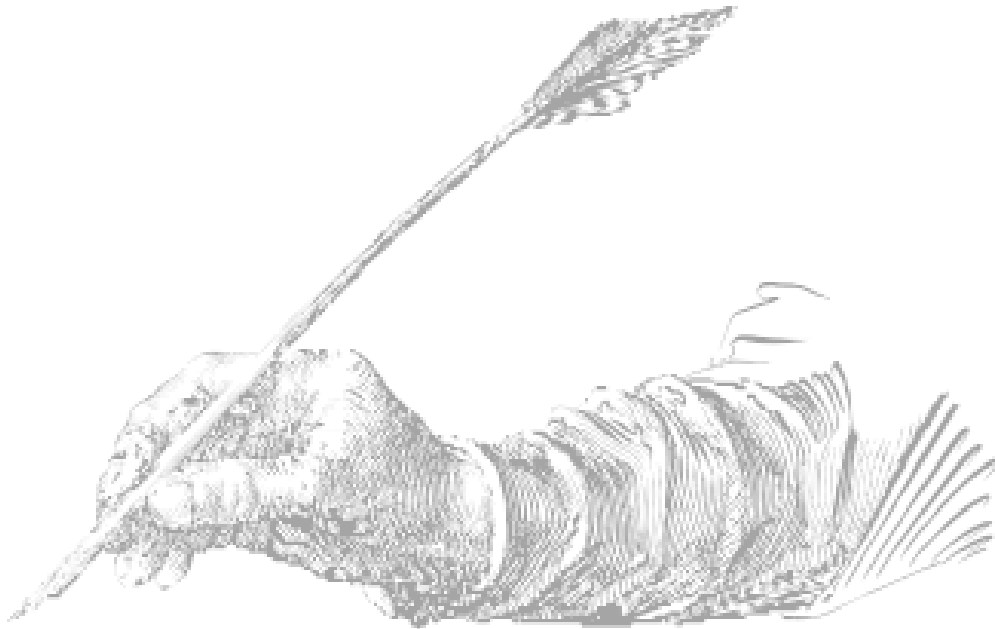
Are you the chronicler Avacal needs? If so, please forward your SCA resume to the [Kingdom Seneschal](#) and [Kingdom Chronicler](#) by November 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.



The Office of the Chronicler is responsible for the publication of the Kingdom Newsletter, the Avantgarde: a primary source of information about Kingdom activities, events, law changes and other matters relevant to our Kingdom.

### Job Description and Skills Required:

1. Create the kingdom newsletter according to the laws and procedures of Society.
2. Remain ***Neutral*** at all times.
3. Have a computer with reliable access to the internet.
4. Use open-source software to create newsletter.
5. Own a dictionary or have access to one.
6. Occasionally wrangle cats.
7. Have fun.





# AVACAL OFFICIAL EVENTS

## YULE

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Alberta Avenue Community League  
9210 118 Ave NW  
Edmonton, AB T5G 0N4  
Event Steward: Guillaîne de Gualle  
Feast Steward: Jean de Chauliac

### Gate Fees:

Adults	\$30 (\$20 with membership)
Youth 0-17	FREE

### Feast Fees:

Adults	\$20
Youth 12-17	\$10
Child 0-11	Free



As the old year winds to a close and the new year draws nigh, come eat, drink and be merry. Gather with friends both old and new as you admire our artisans, cheer on our youth, and listen to our bards, as they compete for the honour of becoming our Champions. Feast details and menu will be announced closer to the event.

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## 12<sup>TH</sup> NIGHT

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Delacour Community Hall  
275194 Township Road 254  
Rocky View County, AB T1Z 0E6  
Event Stewards: [Dolce Machiavelli](#) & Arjun Singh  
Feast Steward: Ellias Silver

### Gate Fees:

Adults	\$30 (\$20 with membership)
Youth 0-17	Free

### Feast Fees:

Adults:	\$15
Youth 12-17	\$10
Child 0-11	Free



The Barony of Montengarde invites you to Twelfth Night. Join us as we bid farewell to the fierce Baron Refr and the most faire Baroness Adis.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

- A&S: Marvel at the prowess of our Artist & Scientists as they compete to be the next Emerald Rose.
- Rapier: Watch in awe as the daring, the bold and dashing Rapier combatants compete for the honour of being named Dragon Blade.

ARMoured: Melchor de Bazan will host a fun tournament!

CLASSES: Many interesting subjects available, contact Custance for more information.

BARDIC: You're not going to want to miss this!

## FEAST INFORMATION:

### APPETIZER

Lightly salted unleavened baked maize served with a piquant nightshade reduction.

### MAIN COURSE

Finley Broiled Boar Ribs seasoned with a coarse rock salt, black peppercorn and fresh garlic blend.

Lightly glazed with a warm complex wolf peach compote.

Succulent fowl, Fire Roasted and garnished with a rosemary and sage blend.

Savory mealie with sweet capsicum.

Herb and spice infused bread crumb with diced root vegetable.

Seasonal Fresh Greens served with your choice of herb infused vinaigrette or a light cream and peppercorn drizzle.

### DESSERT

Malus Pumila baked in a dark molasses, honey and sweet cider nappe covered with a toasted virgin oat grain and sealed with a caramelized rapadura. Served with a lightly sweetened Chantilly Cream accent.

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## WINTER CROWN

Wembley Recreation Centre

9831 97 Street

Wembley, AB T0H 3S0

Event Stewards: [Sir Olaf the Snowman](#) & [Lord](#)

[Ademar Denedei di Pietro](#)

Feast Steward: TBA

### Gate Fees:

Adults	\$40 (\$30 with membership)
Youth 0-17	FREE

### Feast Fees:

Adults	\$30
Youth 12-17	\$15
Child 0-11	Free



The Kingdom of Avacal Seeks New Heirs, and the Shire of Vinjar is proud to host Winter Crown 2026.

## SKALD THE HALL

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
St. Joseph Calasanz Parish  
1642 98<sup>th</sup> Street  
North Battleford, SK S9A 0N4  
Event Steward: [Daylen Elder](#)  
Feast Steward: [Hamish MacCarrig](#)



### Gate Fees:

Adults	\$35 (\$25 with membership)
Youth 0-17	Free

### Feast Fees:

Adults	\$20
Youth 12-17	\$10
Child 0-11	Free

Skald the Hall - A celebration of bardic arts, good food, and great company! Witness the Myrgan Wood Bardic Championship, Youth Championship, and the legendary Bard-Off. Join us for stories, songs, and a feast fit for bards and warriors.

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# AWARDS

SEPTEMBER CROWN, AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 (AS LX)

Aiden ap Grendal  
Issabella Kendal of Raven's Rift  
Dmitrii Korsak Silver  
Renee Carr Silver  
Allert Pierson  
Malabar Membro Spaccata  
Guglielmo di Pietro  
Emmett ap Malabar  
Bjar the Blue  
Robert of Ealdormere  
Hadice bint Osman  
Oriana Severin  
Svalla of Sandesend

Crown Prince  
Crown Princess  
Griffin of Avacal  
Griffin of Avacal  
Sable Rapier  
Order of the Mark  
Avacal Champion of Youth  
Elder of Avacal  
Order of the Eagle of Avacal  
Sable Axe  
Baronial Favour  
Baronial Favour  
Sable Cinquefoil of Montengarde

VINFEST, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 (AS LX)

Vester  
Rhoswyn of Vinjar  
Barb of Vinjar  
Marguerita Carlotta  
Guglielmo di Pietro

Award of Arms  
Sable Flame  
Sable Flame  
Award of Arms  
Award of Arms

MYRGAN WOOD ANNIVERSARY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 (AS LX)

Kazi of Sandshend  
Roberta of Myrgan Wood  
Antonia of Myrgan Wood  
Thomas Ferencz  
Antonia of Myrgan Wood  
Robert Boniface  
Ulrich Guntherson  
Isabelle Buckells

Award of Arms  
Award of Arms  
Sable Flame  
Sable Glove  
Elders of Myrgan Wood  
Champion of Arts & Science  
Champion of Sword  
Silver Crocus of Myrgan Wood

SAMHAIN, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2025

Lucrezia Iseppa Constantina di Arborea  
Grace of Borealis  
Calvin Hawkes  
Tora Thrandia  
Alexander Blackadder  
Dolce Adalina Machiavelli  
Skalli Guntherson  
Arjun Singh

Winged Lynx  
Red Quill  
Sable Flame  
Award of Arms  
Ordine de Venusta  
Golden Link  
Golden Link  
Saint Ferdinand's Heart



## AWARDS

WINTER CORONATION, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

Luciano Tiepolo  
Adeline von Schwarzwald  
Lucinda Knarrabringa  
Robert Boniface  
Sadb Jofreysdottir  
Svava Suanhuita  
Kvigr Ivarsson  
Conan of Myrgan Wood  
Jacinda Johnsdottir  
Dolce Adalina Machiavelli  
Ivarr Roriksson the Black  
Asney Grimolfrsdottir  
Inga in hraustliga  
Arnsbjorn Tiernanson  
Signe Smidja  
Ademar Donadei di Pietro  
Sakeld the Peacemaker  
Wilum Winters  
Adeline von Schwarzwald  
Köttr Hrafnas  
Ragnarr Ottarsson  
A'isha Rayhana al-Karim  
Aiden ap Grendal  
Issabbella Kendal of Raven's Rift  
Katherine Kendal  
Hrogn Gunthersson  
Ástríðr Arnbjarnardóttir  
Reme the Burgundian  
Luciano Tiepolo  
Tommaso Tiepolo

Sable Rapier  
Order of Avacal  
Court Baroness  
Order of the Mark  
Throne's Favour  
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King  
Queen  
Princess Royale  
Count  
Countess  
Avacal Champion of Rapier  
Iron Gauntlet  
Elder of Avacal





# Society News & Events



## [October 2025 Presidents Report Now Available](#)

This report contains the publishable summaries and commendation sections from each Corporate and Society Officers' reports. It also includes publishable summaries submitted by various Board committees.

The report can be located here: [2025-10 After Board Meeting Report](#)

The October 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting is available at the Society's YouTube channel here: Full Board of Director's meeting [here](#)

Questions or comments regarding this report should be directed to Mr. Pham via email at [president@sca.org](mailto:president@sca.org). If you send comments, please use the subject line "President's Report October 2025". Comments are welcomed and strongly encouraged.



## [New Rapier Combat Handbook Commentary Request](#)

The Society Marshal and Society Rapier Marshal have released an approved draft of the modernized Rapier Handbook for public commentary, which is open until February 20, 2026. This update is part of a broader effort to modernize all marshal handbooks, featuring a new online-friendly format designed for clearer navigation and consistency with current safety practices and organizational structure.

The draft materials, including a PDF version and a summary of changes, are available online at the provided [link](#). Feedback should be sent to the listed email addresses with the specified subject line, and the finalized handbook is scheduled to take effect on May 20, 2026, following review and Board approval.



# Society News & Events

## [People on the Move - Director Elect Seat G](#)

The Board of Directors has selected Carl Chipman as the Director-Elect for Seat G. He will begin his term after the April 2026 quarterly meeting, succeeding Director Mark Faulcon. Professionally, Carl Chipman is the Director of Identity Services at Teledyne, Inc., with a background in electrical engineering and a record of technical innovation, holding two patents. Within the SCA, he is known as Duke Jean Paul de Sens, a 15th-century Burgundian persona with a longstanding involvement in the Society, particularly in the Province of Mooneschadowe.

The announcement also notes that the Board continuously seeks candidates for these positions, with new Directors seated every April and October. Nominations, including self-nominations, are welcome from all members and do not require specific modern credentials or peerage, valuing diverse Society experience. Interested individuals can submit a nomination by sending basic contact information to [recruiting@sca.org](mailto:recruiting@sca.org).

## [Approval of Revised Society Financial Policy](#)

After more than a year of collaboration, the Board of Directors has approved the updated Society Financial Policy, which will take effect on January 1, 2026, to strengthen financial governance and transparency. A detailed handbook outlining the new procedures will be available by the end of this year to ensure all stakeholders are prepared for the transition, and the Board extends its gratitude to everyone involved in this effort for their contributions toward a smooth implementation.

## [PDF of Revised Financial Policy](#)

The Approved Financial Policy can be found [here](#). The updated policy will go into effect Jan 2026. The handbook will be released later this month before the policy changes are implemented. The website has also been updated with the new financial policy and can be found in the Society Resources page under the Exchequer section.

If there are any questions, please reach out to the Society Exchequer at [exchequer@sca.org](mailto:exchequer@sca.org).







# Society News and Events




## WAR OF THE PHOENIX

[The Year of the Phoenix & Dragon](#)


February 10-16, 2026

Kingdom of Atenveldt



## Gulf Wars XXXIV

March 14-22, 2026



For detailed information click [here!](#)



# AVACAL DIRECTORY

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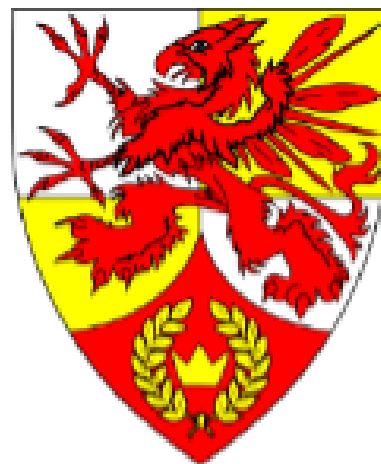
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ARMY CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

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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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