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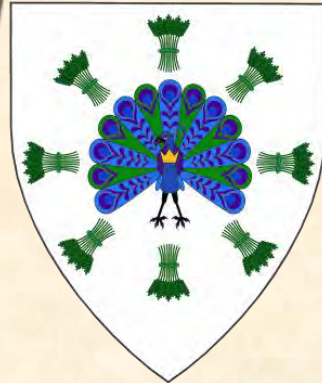
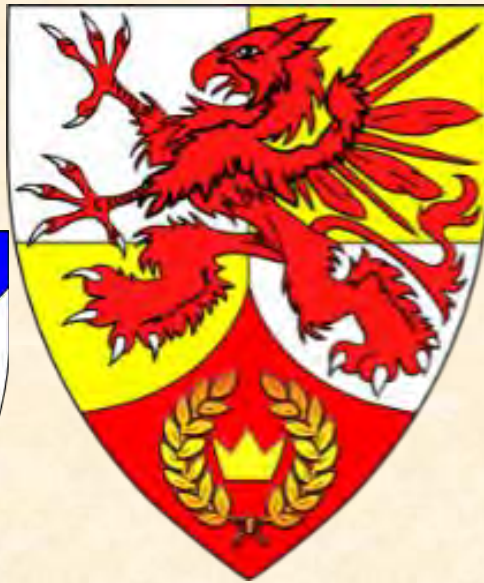


Kingdom of Avacal's Official Newsletter
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AVACAL ROYALTY



**AIDEN AP GRENDAI
KING OF AVACAL**



**ISSABELLA OF KENDAL
QUEEN OF AVACAL**

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The Heirs to the Griffon Thrones

Crown Prince

Hjalti inn Undarligi Vikingr

Crown Princess

Sabb Jofreysdottir



Royal Progress

April 11th - July 5, 2026

Branch	Event	Date	TRM's
Valley Wold	Ferret's Feast	April 11 th , 2026	K&Q (&Pr)
Sigelhundas	Grand TUA	April 25 th , 2026	Queen & Crown Princess
Valley Wold	Spring Coronation	May 15 th -18 th , 2026	K&Q (&PR) Crown Heirs
Windwurm	May Days	May 30 th , 2026	Queen
Borealis	Silver Wolf	June 13 th , 2026	K&Q
Bordergate	Quad War	July 1 st - 5 th , 2026	K&Q

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO AVACAL LAW – FEBRUARY 2026 – PROCLAIMED DURING THEIR MAJESTIES AIDEN AND ISSABELLA’S COURT AT WINTER CROWN TOURNAMENT IN VINJAR.

A NEW POLICY

Article I. The Law

I.E. Additional Handbooks and Policies

ADD - M. Baronial Polling Policy, covering the selection of Baronial Representation for the Avacal Crown.

OFFICER CHANGES

Article IV. Officers within the Kingdom

IV.B. Officers of the Kingdom of Avacal

CHANGED - Voice Herald to Tournament Herald

CHANGED - Silent Herald to accessibility Herald

REMOVED - Protocol Herald (this is now part of the Sanguinaris Herald’s duties)

MOVED – section 9 Gules Signet Scribe as a deputy to the Sanguinaris Herald along with associated duties

IV.F. Specific Duties of the Officers of State

2. Sanguinaris Herald:

b. The Sanguinaris Herald shall create and support deputies as needed to ensure the following duties are fulfilled:

MOVE

viii. The Kingdom Scribe is the administrative head of the College of Scribes, reporting to the Sanguinaris Herald. They will:

- a. Maintain the Great Seal of State and the Signet Seal of the Crown of Avacal, surrendering these items to the Crown in time of need and upon occasions of State.
- b. Maintain a roster of scribes in Avacal to ensure the timely completion of the scrolls
- c. Ensure, through coordination with Sanguinaris Herald, the accuracy and suitability of original scrolls containing heraldry.
- d. Maintain a supply of impressions of the Great Seal and Signet Seal, furnishing these to the Crown as needed.
- e. Ensure, in cooperation with the Royal Scribe (appointed by the Crown), that all charters and scrolls for each reign they are serving are available, including supplies for Charters, seals, and the scribal boxes.

AWARDS CHANGES & ADDITIONS

ARTICLE V PRECEDENCE, AWARDS, ORDERS AND HONOURS OF AVACAL

V.C AWARDS, ORDERS AND HONOURS OF AVACAL

V.C.I Non-Armigerous Honours: Honours that convey no precedence:

ADD 11. The Order of the Gules Mantle is an honour bestowed by the Crown to acknowledge service and excellence as an inspiration.

V.C.IV. Grant Orders: Orders that convey a Grant of Arms

CHANGE: 6. The High Level of Merit for Missiles **to** Order of the Sable Flight

ADDED TO E. ELEVATION TO THE ORDER SHALL CONFER UPON THE HOLDER A GRANT OF ARMS.

Members of the Order may bear the title of “His Lordship”, “Her Ladyship”, or an appellation chosen by said noble. Companions of the Order may wear or display the badge once it has been registered with the College of Arms.

TO 7.The Order of the Harp of Avacal E.

CHANGE: ONCE IT HAS BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE COLLEGE OF ARMS

TO "Quarterly argent and Or, on a lozenge gules a harp argent, a bordure gules".

EVENT CHANGES

V.I.A. Kingdom Events

f. Crown Councils – **DELETE** – are scheduled at the pleasure of the Crown

TO

Held on or near the first or third weekend of October.

VI.B. Kingdom Event Bids

1. **CHANGE** the last sentence **FROM** – The decision for accepting a bid lies with the Crown

TO

The decision for accepting a bid lies with the Crown, advised by the Kingdom Financial Committee.

REMOVE ENTIRE SECTION

VI.E. Maximum Number of Branch Events

ARTICLE VII SUBORDINATE GROUPS

VII.A. Branches of Avacal

2. Baronies v. Observe the following event restrictions:

REMOVE 2. Place a maximum of three events on the Kingdom Calendar.

VII.B. Other Branches and Divisions of the Kingdom

DELETE – 2.a.ii. Place a maximum of two (Level One) events on the Kingdom Calendar.

DELETE – 3.iii. Place a maximum of two (Level One) events on the Kingdom Calendar.

DELETE – 4.a.ii. Place a maximum of two (Level One) events on the Kingdom Calendar.

***Note that the Event Policy has been changed to be consistent with these changes in law.*

BARONIAL POLLING CHANGES

***With the creation of a Baronial Polling Policy, the Laws guiding this have been streamlined. The original section has been deleted with the following in its place. Details are in the policy.*

VII.A. Branches of Avacal

2. Baronies d. Selection Polling:

- i. Officers, candidates, and outgoing Baronial leadership (if applicable) shall work together to follow the Baronial Polling Policy.
- ii. The scheduling of the baronial polling and investiture of new leadership is subject to approval of the Crown.
- iii. The polling shall be completed within 90 days of the official announcement of the polling at a Baronial meeting. Ideally, the process should begin and end within a single Royal reign.
- iv. Official standardized polling forms in both electronic and paper-based formats shall be used.
- v. The results of the polling are made available only to the Crown. They may choose to share that information with others, such as the Heirs or the Kingdom Seneschal, for consultation purposes. The final decision and appointment of the Baronial leadership, be that Baronet, Baroness, Baron, or Castellan, rests solely with the Crown.



AWARDS

WINTER WAR, MARCH 21ST, 2026

ADRIEN THE SMALL	AWARD OF ARMS
JEANETTE LOCKFORTE	AWARD OF ARMS
THALIA OF SCRETINGLAND	AWARD OF ARMS
CLARA BAYLESDOTTIR	RED QUILL
CAELFIND OF THE RED BRANCH	SABLE RAPIER
KATHERINE KENDAL	RED DRUM
ALBRECHT OF BOREALIS	AWARD OF ARMS
TARAZENA MACHIAVELLI TIEPOLO	SABLE WING
TARAZENA MACHIAVELLI TIEPOLO	SABLE GLOVE
QUON JIEN	ORDER OF CHIVALRY

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE AWARD RECIPIENTS!

As of publishing date; for details on awards, please visit the Avacal OP.

HERALDIC CONTINGENCY DEPUTY NEEDED

Avacal's College of Heralds needs a Contingency Deputy Herald for ongoing Kingdom Status. 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. Please apply by June 30, 2026.

Contingency Deputy Herald/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.
 - o 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:

- Strong administrative skills including email, spreadsheets, word processing
- Good working knowledge of governing aspects of the SCA such as corpora, kingdom law and Avacal customs



Avacal Official Events Calendar

Spring Coronation

May 15th - 18th, 2026
Quad War Site
52°53'02.7"N 109°53'56.1"W
Saskatchewan



Event Stewards: [Jacinda Johnsdottir](#) & Phillip of the Lakes

Site Fees	
Adult Member	\$30
Adult Non-member	\$40
Youth & Children	Free



Please Join us for Avacal's Spring Coronation where we will celebrate with grandeur and tradition, marking the ascension of the new King and Queen to the Griffin Thrones! With elaborate garb, courtly ceremonies, and chivalric displays, you can expect a weekend filled with feasting, tournaments, arts and sciences, and opportunities to engage in all the Avacal has to offer.

May Days

May 22nd - 24th, 2026
Grassy Lake Community Hall & Municipal Campground
210 Chapman Ave S
Grassy Lake, AB T0K 0Z0



Event Stewards: [Alikina](#) and [Freydis Birthesdottir](#)

Site Fees	
Adult Member	\$20
Adult Non-member	\$30
Youth & Children	Free

With the thawing of the lands and the new growth blossoming, we gather mighty archers and talented bards to herald the fullness of Spring. All are called to come and share in fellowship, skill, and song with our small but stout-hearted shire. A Gathering of Skill and Song, open to all of stout heart and merry spirit to help find our new defenders.

Silverwolf

June 13th, 2026

Barony of Borealis

TBA

Quad War XXIX

July 1st - 5th, 2026

123 Quad Road, Marsden, SK S0L 1B0

52°53'02.7"N 109°53'56.1"W

Event Stewards: [Clint Zajic](#) and [Cindy Mahoney](#)



Site Fees	
Adult Member	\$30
Adult Non-member	\$40
Youth & Children	Free

The Shire of Bordergate joyfully invites everyone to gather for a time of medieval merriment! Experience the excitement of battle and tournament, delight in bardic tales and songs, explore the arts and sciences, and stroll through Merchants' Row. Come to share good company and the timeless magic of our Society. We can't wait to see you there!



Society News & Events



[SOCIETY SEEKS DEPUTY MARSHAL FOR COMBAT ARCHERY \(RATTAN\)](#)

The Society Marshal is seeking a Deputy Society Marshal for Combat Archery to join our team, overseeing Combat Archery for Armored Combat - Rattan, working to encourage the participation of all in the Society's martial activities, and striving to expand and improve those activities for the benefit of the Society and its members.

[Thrown weapons handbook approved for commentary](#)

The approved draft of the new Thrown Weapons Handbook is now available for commentary through May 25, 2026. This link includes access to the new rules, supporting documentation, and an overview of the multi-month approval process.

<https://www.sca.org/.../new-thrown-weapons-handbook.../>

[Double Wars XXXVII](#)

May 8th - 17th, 2026

Sjöröd, Sweden



[Lilies War XXXVIII](#)

June 5th - 14th, 2026

Kingdom of Calontir



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[Fáelán's Armour Page](#)



Kingdom Populace Pennants
 Populace Badge Pins
 Encampment walls

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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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 ARMY CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

<https://sir-gunther.creator-spring.com>



Would you like to advertise your SCA Merchant Business?
 Please contact the Kingdom Chronicler at chronicler@avacal.org



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