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Their Majesties Avacal are seeking replacements for the Baronial Couple, Myrgan Wood as they are stepping down at MW Anniversary Oct 10th, 2026

Polling is now complete we await their Majesties decision



In memorium

The west mountain winds bring bitter
smoke and deep sadness.
Let it be known that

Lady Oriana Severin of House Machiavelli,
of Borealis has embarked on her final
voyage.

Sing out her name and let her legacy live
on, may we that remain find comfort until
we meet again.

She was loved by all who knew her and
will be deeply missed



Populous Submission

His Jonkership Allert Rodriguez Pierson

"Thank you," "you're doing a good job," and other priceless awards

I was chatting to someone at an event recently, and the topic of longevity in the SCA came up. Since very shortly after I joined, I've been told that the average SCAdian lasts around 3-5 years before quitting. I've heard a few reasons for this - internal politics, failure to integrate into one group or another, event burnout, etc. - but this person had a slightly different perspective.

In your first 1-5 years in the Society, it's common to receive quite a lot of recognition fairly quickly for the things that you do. If you're active, you'll probably get an Award of Arms, maybe a baronial award for service, combat, and/or arts and sciences, and possibly even a Grant-level award for those accomplishments.

After that, there's quite a long gap. Everyone knows that you make beautiful largess or run the best events around, and since you've been recognized for it, there isn't much more to say - at least, not unless you receive a peerage some years down the road for it. You can start to feel forgotten or underappreciated after a

while. People know you do good work, so it doesn't feel necessary to point it out. That can make many small annoyances seem larger. Fatigue sets in.

Now, I'm not sure that I totally agree with this person's perspective, but the heart of the argument there (in my opinion) is gratitude. If people leaving the SCA is at least partially caused by feeling underappreciated by your community, this problem is entirely fixable. It's good practice in general to express appreciation for the people around you.

After I submitted my last quarterly report, someone went out of their way to tell me that they thought I'd been doing well in my office. I respect this person massively, and that small comment was worth as much to me as any award I've ever received. It may have only taken that person a minute to write, but it's the small things that matter. The simple courtesy of just saying "thank you," "you did a wonderful job," or even "I love how you do 'x'" in a

meaningful, sincere way can be even more important than an award recommendation to someone whose energy is flagging.

Here are some of the ways I intend to show more gratitude and appreciation for others in the SCA in the future:

1. After eating my meal, I will make a point of thanking at least one member of the feast team for taking dozens of hours out of their busy schedule to cook for the populace.
2. When I check in at gate, I will thank whoever is sitting in the cold, wet, or blazing heat (the three seasons of Avacal) for taking the time out to check people in.
3. When I notice people moving tables, thrones, erics, or other heavy items, especially on a regular basis, I will thank them for the hard physical work that they do so that we can all enjoy the event. We don't get to see their bruises, sore muscles, and stubbed toes the next day - but we can all appreciate the ability to sit

and watch court or take shelter under the pavilions they put up!

4. I will clean up after myself, and if possible, stay late to help the tear-down team. It's an incredibly difficult job, especially after a long day, and even one more set of hands makes it go so much faster. If I am unable to stay to clean up, I will thank the people tearing down for sacrificing their time to do it for the rest of us.

5. I will make a note to thank royalty and landed barons/baronesses for their incredibly important service at some point during their reign. Through my bits and pieces of service, I've seen a glimpse of how difficult these duties are and how much of a sacrifice it is to serve the entire kingdom as royalty or a landed peer.

6. I will thank officers as they step up and step down for their service. Their administrative work in the background makes it possible for us to organize ourselves and play this game. I promise to never say "poor you" or "what a sucker" when someone takes an office. I will not speak sarcastically about officer positions, complain that nobody has taken an office, or make disparaging remarks about an officer's

service unless I am willing to pitch in myself.

7. I will thank people who regularly host activities in their own home, and those who organize activities, championships, prize competitions, and tournaments with their own time and energy. Without them, we simply wouldn't exist.

8. I will thank the event stewards every time I attend an event for all of the sleepless nights, hours of planning, and stress involved in putting an event together. If I need to communicate with an event steward during the event planning process, I will speak to them with the kindness, gratefulness and respect that I would if someone was doing me a personal favor. They are doing everyone in the kingdom a personal favor by taking on the responsibility of hosting the event.

9. I will speak about the research, arts, martial activities, or service which other people enjoy with the greatest respect and enthusiasm. I will not fool myself into thinking that the activities and tasks I like to do in the SCA are more important, essential, or

interesting than anyone else's. I will not suggest that what I enjoy should take more precedence than what someone else enjoys.

10. If I like what someone is doing, I will say so. If I appreciate what someone has done, I will say so. If someone has inspired me through their actions or words, I will tell them.

How do you show your appreciation for the people in your shire, barony, or across the kingdom?

Love, Allert



AWARDS AWARDS

Stryder of Borealis (Borealis)	Sable Glove	Jul 4, 2026 (AS LXI)
Sylvie Tofadottir (Myrgan Wood)	Black Arrow	Jul 11, 2026 (AS LXI)
Tonegawa no Keiran (Myrgan Wood)	Black Arrow	Jul 11, 2026 (AS LXI)
Nibbe (Myrgan Wood)	Award of Arms	Jul 11, 2026 (AS LXI)
Kaydance Pardus (Sigelhundas)	Winged Lynx	Jul 11, 2026 (AS LXI)
Freyr Ejder Freydisson (Wyndwurm)	Award of Arms	Jul 18, 2026 (AS LXI)
Calvin Hawkes (Montengarde)	Sable Glove	Jul 18, 2026 (AS LXI)
Alexander Blackadder (Montengarde)	Black Arrow	Jul 18, 2026 (AS LXI)
Phocas of Sandeshend (Sandeshend)	Award of Arms	Jul 18, 2026 (AS LXI)
Francisco el Ichneumon (Sandeshend)	Award of Arms	Jul 18, 2026 (AS LXI)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE AWARD RECIPIENTS!

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

AVACAL KINGDOM OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES

The following offices are currently open and are seeking applicants.

Seneschal: Contact the Kingdom Seneschal for more information on these deputies

- Advisory Council

Earl Marshal: Contact the Earl Marshal for more information on these deputies

- Equestrian Deputy
- Siege Deputy
- Rapier Deputy

Exchequer: Contact the Exchequer for more information on these deputies

- Deputy Exchequer**

College of Heraldry: Contact the Kingdom Herald for more information on these deputies

- Red Ram Herald (Contingency Deputy) **
- Silver Raven Herald (Education)
- White Wyvern Herald (Submissions Deputy) **NEW**

Queen's Prize Tourney at September Crown

Now that quad war is over, let's get our entries ready for either the displays or for the performances for Queen's Prize Tourney. So on Sunday of Crown Sep 6, we will have displays and performances. Here are some general Frequently Asked Questions:

What display item should I enter?

Anything you've made yourself in the last little while. There are no category restrictions, so have fun and make something cool! Sca'isms and period items are encouraged!

What if my piece isn't finished?

No problem! Bring what you've got, and we'll chat with you about it. You can show us your ideas, ask for help to figure out what to do next, kvetch about how everything went wrong and suddenly caught fire.

What kinds of performances are allowed?

General populace performances need to be all ages appropriate. We would love to see music (vocal, instrumental), dance, theatre, juggling and even conjuring (magic). Period, SCA inspired, non-period, improv and anything that would entertain the populace or an audience. Limit the performance time to 15 minutes.

Can I enter both the display and the performance categories?

No. This allows for easy scheduling. Please choose one or the other.

Do I have to have a discussion panel?

No. We are offering that as an option if you want. Don't feel pressured to have one if you aren't ready to do so.

What kind of 'research' or 'documentation' do I need?

Documentation of any kind is not required, but it's sometimes nice to bring along information about what inspired you to make your item. Even if it's a picture of the thing, some rough doodles, a reference to a movie or TV show, it's all great! If you want to write stuff down, we love to see your information and will happily gab about it, but there's no pressure to perform.

What is a sponsor and how do I get one?

A sponsor is a member of a Kingdom Grant Level A&S or Bardic award, or Laurel. Just like Squire for a Day, you will be sponsored for the day! Your sponsor will assist you in the tourney. They will act as a coach and offer advice and guidance. If you want to enter, but don't know how to ask someone, reach out to Her Grace A'isha, and she can act as matchmaker for you!

Who wins?

EVERYBODY! And you will leave with a GREAT prize! Her Majesty may also choose to award someone with her own personal prize or prizes, as She sees fit! There is NO pressure on entrants, as we want this to be a fun and happy day of A&S projects and performances and **NO STRESS!**

Any questions, contact Dame Arwyn at arwynofleicester@gmail.com

Meet Ulrich Von Kues!



Hail good gentles of Avacal,

I am the new TUA Regent. I am reaching out to you for applications for:

**Southern Alberta Chancellor
Saskatchewan Chancellor**

Some of the responsibilities include helping class coordination with local events, helping groups find teachers, reporting the TUA Regent in a timely manner and helping with the grand TUA and Quad War classes.

This position requires good organizational skills, time management, and communication skills.

If you are interested, please email me your SCA resume at tua-regent@avacal.org.

Avacal Official Events Calendar

Valley War

August 22 - 23, 2026

Besant Campground SK 1, Caron No. 167 Caron SK S0H 3E0

You are cordially invited to Valley War at Besant Campground in this our glorious Kingdom of Avacal! Nestled next to a creek with plenty of open space for archery, assorted marshal activities, arts and sciences, merchants and SIEGE COOKING!

Adult Event Registration – \$30

Adult Member Discount Event Registration – \$20

Youth Registration (0-17) – \$0

Event Steward: Mistress Gwen MacFergus and His Lordship Trahaearn Kvigrrsson



Fall Crown

September 4 - 7, 2026

Quad War Site 52°53'02.7"N 109°53'56.1"W



The Shire of Bordergate invites one and all to Avacal Fall Crown, where the Crown Tournament shall determine the next Heirs to the Gryphon Thrones. Enjoy heavy and light tournaments, archery and thrown weapons, bardic, TUA classes, arts & sciences, youth activities, Merchants' Row, and more. Join us for this historic gathering!

Event Stewards: Lucinda the Valiant and Volchok Vikingsson

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

Knowne World Armoured Combat Collegium

Mandt Center 400 Mandt Parkway, Stoughton, Wisconsin, USA 53589

September 5, 2026

Join us in Northshield (Stoughton, WI, USA) for the Known World Armored Combat Collegium!

Tournaments, games, and classes about armored combat as conducted under the rules of the SCA with teachers from across the Known World.



Adult Event Registration – \$45

Adult Member Discount Event Registration – \$35

Youth Registration (0-17) – \$15

Event Steward: Meisterin Evelein Jantz, OP and THL James de Beaumont

Vinfest – Date Change!!!

Sat, September 25, 2026 – September 27, 2026

Camp Tamarack

704063, Range Rd 62, Grande Prairie, AB, T8W 5B3

Vinjar's annual event on the cozy cabin site where all have experienced joy and relaxation with their friends/family but this year.....is a mystery for all.

We invite you to come solve our Who Dunnit? theme along with competing in our yearly tournaments which have wonderful prizes and bragging rights for the year!



Adult Event Registration – \$35
Adult Member Discount Event Registration – \$25
Youth Registration (0-17) – \$0

Event Steward: Sir Olaf and Her Ladyship Anna
Feast (adult) – \$25
Feast (youth, 12 – 17) – \$15
Feast (children, 0 – 11) – \$0

Myrganwood Anniversary Barony of Myrganwood Sat, October 9, 2026 – October 12, 2026

Brian King Center

202 8th Avenue North, Warman, SK S0K 0A1

The good populace of Avacal is invited to the northern strongholds of Myrgan Wood to celebrate the Barony's Anniversary and witness the ascension of new nobles to leadership and new champions to their posts! Feasting, fighting, filking, fletching, and more!

We'll be hosting the Myrgan Wood Arts and Science Championship and Heavy Championship.

Adult Event Registration – \$40
Adult Member Discount Event Registration – \$30
Youth Registration (0-17) – \$0

Adult Feast – \$25
Youth Feast (12-17) – \$10
Youth Feast (0-11) – \$0

Event Stewards: Aethelstan and Sir Korsak
Feast Steward: HL Tofa Valadottir

Avacal Crown Council
Sat October 17, 2026
TBA



Snow Eaters

Shire of Wyndwyrn

Sat, October 24 - 25, 2026

Grassy Lake Municipal Campground
210 Chapman Ave Grassy Lake T0K0Z0



The Shire of Windwyrn bids you brave the cold winds and gather with us for our festival of the Snow Eaters event. Windwyrn's Defender of Rapier, Defender of Swords and Defender of Arts and Science to be chosen. Indoor archery plus more. Prizes and honors await the worthy. Hall Camping both Friday and Saturday Night.

Adult Event Registration – \$30

Adult Member Discount Event Registration – \$20

Youth Registration (0-17) – \$0

Potluck Feast

Samhain

Barony of Montengarde

Sat, November 7, 2026 8:30 AM – 11:59PM

Edgemont Community Association
33 Edgevalley Circle NW Calgary Alberta T3A 4X1



The Barony of Montengarde invites you to Samhain 2026
Come cheer on the next Bardic Champion and loads of other activities too!

Rapier

Armoured Combat Cut & Thrust

Arts & Sciences Merchants

Classes

Can't wait to see you there!

Adult Event Registration – \$40

Adult Member Discount Event Registration – \$30

Youth Registration (0-17) – \$0

Adult Feast – \$15

Youth Feast (12-17) – \$15

Child Feast (0-11) – \$0

Event Steward: Drifa at laekjamoti and Vladimir of Straz

Feast Steward: Quon Jien

Winter Coronation

Fri, November 20 – 22, 2026

Old Strathcona Performing Arts Centre

8426 Gateway Blvd NW, Edmonton, AB, T6E 4B4



Unto the great populace of Avacal we bid welcome! Winter Coronation 2026 will bear witness as the Heirs to the Kingdom take Their rightful place upon the Gryphon Throne. Find warm shelter from the bitter Northern Winter at the Old Strathcona Performing Arts Centre, in the heart of Borealis. Join us for a day of feasting, fighting, and fellowship!

Adult Event Registration – \$40

Adult Member Discount Event Registration – \$30

Youth Registration (0-17) – \$0

Event Steward: Sicillia Beaumont

Feast Steward: Hagar Fergusson

Feast (adult) – \$25

Feast (youth, 12 – 17) – \$25

Feast (children, 0 – 11) – \$0

Feast Details

Dine and drink lavishly, “When In Rome”. Hagar Fergusson makes his stewarding debut, looking forward to delighting your palates with his elegant Roman menu. More details to come.

A Very Aryesgarde Christmas

Shire of Aryesgarde

Sat, November 28 - 29, 2026

TBA

Krampus

Sat, December 5 - 6, 2026

Yule

Barony of Borealis

Sat, December 12 - 13, 2026

Twelfth Night

Barony of Montengarde

Sat, January 16, 2027 – January 17, 2027

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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

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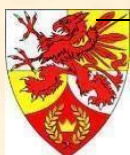
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"If the laurels don't find you period, at least they'll find you practical" - Rufus De Vert



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