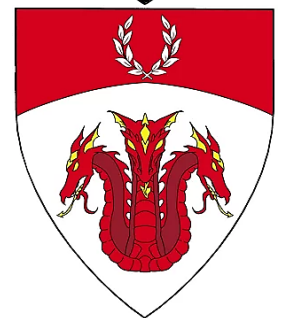
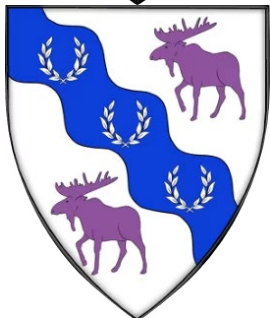
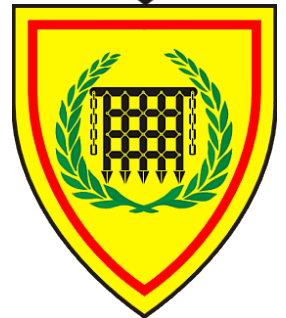
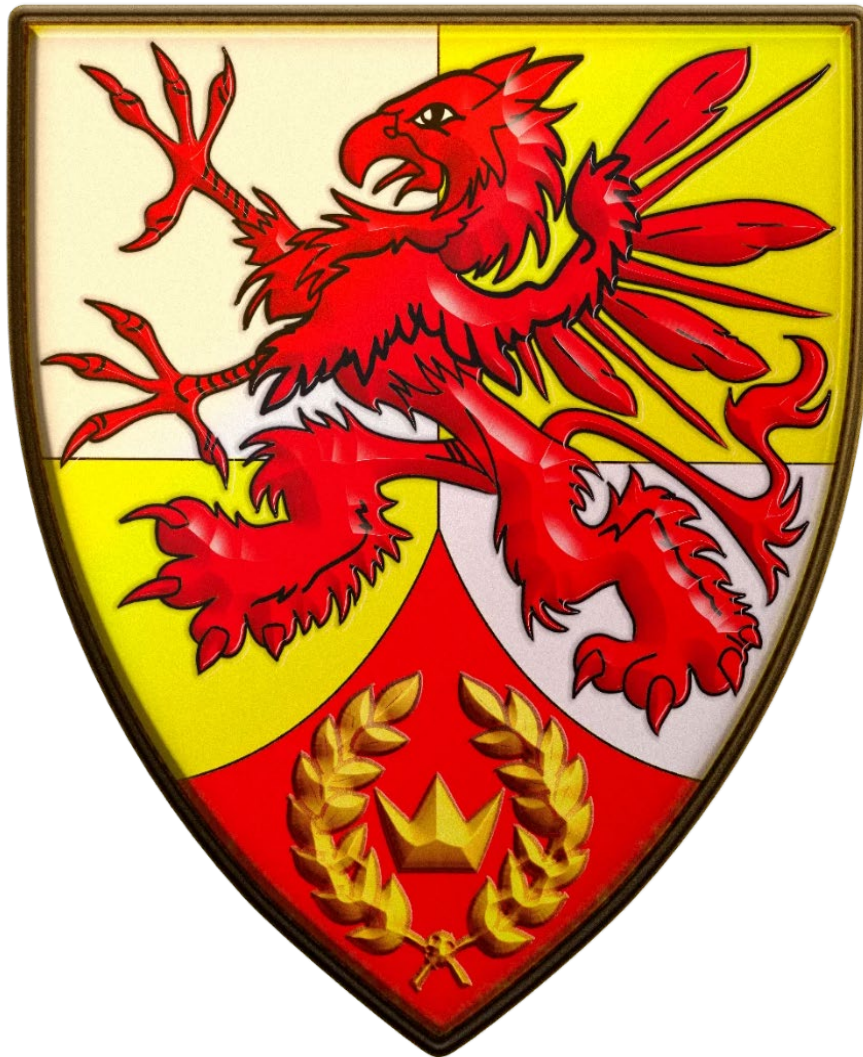
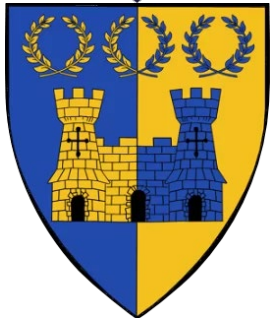


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KINGDOM OF AVACAL'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



TOGETHER WE CONQUER

AS LIX (59) VOL. I JUNE 2024

KINGDOM AND COURT



GREETINGS TO YOU, AVACAL!

We want to take this opportunity to thank Duke Ellias and Duchess Keira for all their hard work and dedication to their duties as King and Queen of Avacal. Their tireless efforts did not go unnoticed, and we are forever in their debt. Thank you, Duke Ellias and Duchess Keira. May the Light they carry shine brightly for generations to come.

It is with great honour that we are blessed to be your current King and Queen. We look forward to building on the policies and procedures that Duke Ellias and Duchess Keira built for us. We are ready for the challenges we will face and overcoming any hardships we may encounter. We strive to serve you, the populace, and will do our very best to be fair and just leaders for you.

As we look towards the future, we are excited for so much. Excited for the newcomers, for the children, and for those who may be returning to the game. We are ready for summer events and look forward to seeing all of you there.

Yours in service,

King John and Queen Bailey



**JOHN WERNARSSON
KING OF AVACAL**



**BAILEY OF BOREALIS
QUEEN OF AVACAL**

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AVACAL COURT REPORT

ARTS & SCIENCE AND BARDIC CHAMPIONSHIPS & GRAND TUA APRIL 28TH 2024

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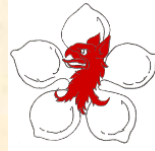
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AVACAL'S NEWEST PELICAN!
Gwenyfher of Sigelhundas

KINGDOM A&S CHAMPION
Milpryp Weaver

KINGDOM BARDIC CHAMPION
Arjun Singh



CHRONICLER'S DESK

Salutations!

I am thrilled to be your new Kingdom Chronicler and am excited to share this journey with you. I would like to send out a grateful thank you to Baron Hamelin L'Archie after his many years of Service in this role, I'm certain we all appreciate his hard work!

Yours in service

Lucrezia Iseppa Constantina di Arborea

Do you have an event or 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 your submission. Also, linked below are the release forms that may need to accompany it. Deadline for submissions is the 1st of every month.

[SCA Model Release Form](#)

[SCA Creative Work Copyright Assignment/Grant of Use Form](#)

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COMING EVENTS

Silverwolf , June 7-9, 2024, Barony of Borealis

Quad War, June 28 - July 1, 2024, Shire of Bordergate

Midsummer Mischief - July 12-14, 2024, Shire of Ayresgarde

Dragonslayer, July 20-21, Barony of Montengarde

Fall Crown, August 30- Sept. 2, 2024, Avacal (Quad War Site)

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



OFFICIAL EVENT POSTINGS

SILVERWOLF

When: June 7th – 9th, 2024

Where: Athlone Community League, 13010 129 St. NW, Edmonton, AB T5L 1J3

Price: \$30 (\$20 with membership); 17 and under free

Site Hours: June 7th at 2 pm to June 9th at 1pm

Event Steward: Valentine Crowe (dawsondavidrudy@gmail.com)

A series of tournaments to decide the next Heavy, Rapier, and Archery Champions of Borealis

QUAD WAR

When: June 28th – July 1st, 2024

Where: Quad War Site, 52°52'47.7"N 109°54'55.5"W

Price: \$40 (\$30 with membership); 17 and under free

Site Hours: June 28th at noon to July 1st at noon

Event Stewards: Volchok Vikingson (viking1162@gmail.com) and Hamelin L'Archier (hamelin1066@gmail.com)

The Shire of Bordergate would like to invite one and all to participate in the quintessential medieval event of the year.

Join in this historic event with some of the greatest battles ever fought. Many activities await to tantalize your senses:

War scenarios, tournaments, bardic, A&S, Merchants' Row, and visiting with friends. See you there!

MIDSUMMER MISCHIEF

When: July 12th – 14th, 2024

Where: Mountainview Girl Guides Camp, 8055 Wycliffe Road, Wycliffe, BC, V1C 7C6

Price: \$30 (\$20 with membership); 17 and under free

Site Hours: June 12th at 4 pm to July 14th at 4 pm

Event Stewards: Edana Adamas (tinamoore9@gmail.com) and Rowan of Ayresgarde (brian.walker.cranbrook@gmail.com)

Come one, come all to our little shire of Ayresgarde where some mischief is afoot; Midsummer Mischief, that is. Held at the Mountainview Girl Guide camp this year, we will have our Heavy, Rapier, and Archery Defendership competitions, classes, demonstrations, and let's not forget our infamous Mischief Games! Check the website for more information.

DRAGONSLAYER

When: July 20th – July 21st, 2024

Where: Balzac Community Hall, 10075, AB-566, Balzac, AB T4B 2T3

Price: \$35 (\$25 with membership); 17 and under free

Site Hours: July 20th at 9 am to July 21st at 4 pm

Event Stewards: Baroness Adis Ulfisdottir (excellencies@montengarde.org) and Sigfuss Thorwulfsson (koreyw@live.com)

You are invited to Dragonslayer, Montengarde's Heavy and Archery Championship event. NO CAMPING this year. Enjoy a weekend away from the smoke, angry badgers, and itchy bugs! There will be fighting and smiting, Helga ball, Tablero, merchants, silly games, Bardic, and a whole day of fun activities on Sunday. Archery at alternate site TBA.

We may not be camping this year, but we always love to eat! We've decided to invite folk to show off their culinary skills by having a potluck. It's not just ANY potluck, though. Your challenge: bring the food that you wish Feast Stewards would actually serve at feasts! Please bring your own heating and serving supplies, as well as a list of ingredients for allergies.

FALL CROWN

When: August 30th – September 2nd 2024

Where: Quad War Site, 52°52'47.7"N 109°54'55.5"W

Price: \$40 (\$30 with membership); 17 and under free

Site Hours: August 30th at noon to September 2nd at noon

Event Stewards: Volchok Vikingson (viking1162@gmail.com), Lucinda the Valiant (wait4cindy@telus.net), and Lucrezia Iseppa Constantina di Arborea (Renea.m.barker@gmail.com)

After a summer of securing borders, crushing rebels, resolving foreign wars, the Baronies, shires, & populace are enjoying a peaceful existence. TRM shall turn their attention to securing the selection of Their Heirs. Join Their Majesties for bardic evenings & tournament days while the finest warriors advance their consorts in the Crown Tournament.



AVACAL KINGDOM EARL MARSHAL — SR. OFFICER POSITION

The Kingdom Earl Marshal (KEM) is a greater officer position within the kingdom who reports directly to the crown and their society

counterpart. This is the person who is responsible for all combat across all disciplines in the kingdom (that's right! I am personally responsible, that's why I am such a PITA at times!).

The KEM receives and files reports to society, is responsible for filling any deputy positions in their office if they are unfilled, supporting combat related activities, and warranting of fighters and marshals. KEM bears responsibility for all combat in the kingdom happening within the rules of Avacal and most importantly safely.

That's a big job, do you do it all yourself? Ha! God no, combat (all disciplines combined) is easily the largest activity in the SCA. I have a lot of talented people working behind the scenes to make sure that everyone can continue to have fun safely. I will try to showcase the deputies in the future.

What if I want to be a KEM? Well, you would have to apply like any other officer position. There are no rules stating that you need to be a Sr marshal or a fighter but any crown considering the applicants would consider that an asset.

Do you have to settle disputes? Yes, unfortunately not everyone agrees on everything all the time.

Right now, the SCA is working on a new chain of command which I will update people on when it comes out. But essentially, I am the end of the command chain in Avacal before it goes to the BoD, it's super rare that it gets to me though. My deputies are amazing, so they handle most things. There were some issues in other kingdoms about the KEM overriding marshals, is that something you can do? Well, sort of, if someone disputes something they can appeal to my office and I can override the decision, uphold it, or pick a third option depending on the laws of Avacal and the SCA. I have never had an issue with anyone taking it personally though. Like most jobs when dealing with people just don't be a di.... *cough* jerk... and usually everyone is happy.

Can the KEM just decide who is authorized? Well yes and no, there was an issue a couple of years ago at an international war regarding this that I won't go into. The KEM can verify the authorization of a member of their kingdom and the lists take their verbal word as proof of authorization (there are consequences to lying so the KEM must have verified it in some way). The KEM or their deputy must sign off on all Sr marshals and may make Sr marshals in any discipline. However, the KEM is not able to authorize a fighter if they are not a Sr marshal.

SOOO, why can they make anyone a Sr marshal but not authorize them? This power is given to the office so we can start new disciplines like Cut and Thrust where we have no Sr marshals, but someone needs to sign for them. Who is better than the person responsible for all marshals anyways?



AVACAL KINGDOM ARTS AND SCIENCE — SR. OFFICER POSITION

Are you passionate about historical crafts, skills, and technologies? Do you love exploring the rich tapestry of pre-

17th century culture? Are you eager to foster the study of period arts, crafts, and methods for creating historically accurate artifacts? If so, we invite you to apply for the esteemed role of Arts and Sciences Minister in the Kingdom of Avacal!

Responsibilities:

- Reporting to the Society on behalf of the Kingdom: Report quarterly to the Society Minister of Arts and Sciences
- Promote Learning: Encourage and facilitate the study of period culture, technology, and artistic endeavors within our vibrant community.
- Support Creativity: Inspire artisans, scholars, and enthusiasts to delve into historical practices, share knowledge, and create beautiful works.



KINGDOM OFFICER POSITIONS AND ADVOCACY COUNCIL POSITIONS



- Coordinate Activities: Collaborate with local branches, organize workshops, competitions, and A&S displays at events.

Qualifications:

- Passion for service to the people and the arts in Avacal.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.
- Willingness to collaborate with fellow enthusiasts.
- Familiarity with the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) and its values.

Application Process:

- Interested candidates should email their letter of intent and relevant qualifications to Their Majesties of Avacal, and Viscountess Morrigan, OL, our current Arts and Sciences Minister, at artsci@avacal.org If you're ready to contribute to the vibrant cultural fabric of Avacal, we want to hear from you!

- Has an excellent knowledge of computer programs like graphics program like MS paint, or Inkscape to create electronic submissions and MS Office. Has a working knowledge of Online System for Commentary and Response (OSCAR) and although this is preferred, however, equivalent programs like SAP or other data inputting systems are very similar.
- Knows how to create Kingdom Letters of Intent for Kingdom commentary and attend and run the monthly decision meeting. Produces decision letter to be posted on the Avacal Heraldic website and notifies submitters via OSCAR and/or email. Alternatively, would be willing to learn.
- Knows how to create Letters of Intent for society commentary and monitors for the publication of the Letters of Acceptance and Responses. Produces a monthly summary for the Avantgarde and notifies submitters via OSCAR and/ or email. Alternatively, would be willing to learn.
- Knows general heraldry or is willing to learn.



AVACAL SUBMISSIONS HERALD

We will be accepting applications until Jul 31, 2024. Please send your letter of application to the Kingdom

Herald, Countess Sadb Jofreysdottir (herald@avacal.org); to Kingdom Exchequer, Lady Ruqayyah bint Abbas Al-Ifriqi (exchequer@avacal.org).

Ongoing training will be provided. Although knowledge of heraldry would be preferred, this is primarily an administrative position. This position takes approximately 15 hours each month and has several key deadlines.

The position specifically needs someone who:

- Can be warranted as an exchequer so they can handle the submission fees that are received both in person at the submissions table or through the mail
- Has a stable mailing address, reliable internet access, a computer, and a scanner capable of 300dpi.



KINGDOM OFFICER POSITIONS AND ADVOCACY COUNCIL POSITIONS



AVACAL ADVOCACY COUNCIL

Avacal is seeking 2-6 people for the position of Advocate Council. The Avacal Advocacy Council will address situations when a member of the populace needs help understanding their options should they feel they are being mistreated. The role of the Advocacy Council is to support the populace member in addressing their concerns respectfully to support a healthy culture within Avacal. This support can help members to navigate kingdom laws and policies, listen to concerns, offer advice such as SCA policy and procedure options, and assist with conflict resolution.

One member of the Advocacy Council shall be the Avacal DEI officer.

Responsibilities of the Advocacy role:

- Be willing to be approached during events, meetings or outside SCA formal events to assist with managing interpersonal conflict between populace members in an advisory role.
- Actively listen to the concern of the populace member and validate facts by asking clarifying questions.
- Offer feedback, where appropriate, and, if needed, support the design of scripting to address conflict by focusing on facts and the situation's impact.
- They may be present with the populace member when they approach the other party in the efforts to resolve the conflict.

Considerations for this position:

- Be considered by others to be approachable, open, and willing to engage in dialogue.
- Feels confident to partner with the DEI office, as required.
- Comfortable with conflict, the ability to be objective, listen for facts and assumptions, and offer coaching to address the issue at hand.
- Enhanced interpersonal skills and the ability to manage conflict without creating barriers

- Be non-judgemental and keep the confidence of the people involved
- Receive direction from the Kingdom Seneschal as per the grievance procedure/bullying and harassment policy requirement, etc.
- Dependable access to email and phone.
- Strong ability to build and maintain relationships across all peerages.
- We are skilled at working collaboratively with all leadership across Avacal, including the Crown, Kingdom Seneschal, Baron and Baronesses, all group-level seneschals, etc.
- Attend training to become skilled in Advocacy Training which includes active listening, effective feedback, and managing conflict.

All officer positions must be paid by members of the SCA. Please submit your mundane and SCA resume to the Kingdom Seneschal at seneschal@avacal.org.

Avacal needs volunteers like you to help fill these deputy kingdom officer positions! Interested parties are encouraged to reach out to the Kingdom Officer relative to the deputy role.

- Seneschal Office:
 - Family Activities
- Ministry of Arts and Science:
 - Deputy A&S Minister
- Chatelaine's Office:
 - Deputy Chatelaine
- Chronicler's Office:
 - Deputy Chronicler
- Office of the Exchequer:
 - Deputy Exchequer
 - Chamberlain
- The University of Avacal:
 - Deputy Regent
 - Northern Chancellor (AB)
 - Southern Chancellor (AB)
 - Eastern Chancellor (SK)





COMMENTARY REQUEST – CORPORA ADDITION ROYALTY SELECTION (REFUSALS)

The Board of Directors is seeking feedback on the proposed addition to Corpora: Section IV.A, Royalty-Selection. A previous version was put out for comment in 2023. The majority of commentary received was favorable to the concept but not necessarily to the specific language. This rewritten proposal attempts to address those concerns. Additionally, principalities have been added to be in line with other rights, privileges, and restrictions of Principality royalty.

It is clearly stated in the Rules of the List in Corpora that all combatants must be acceptable to the Crown. This is an authority that has great importance in Royal Lists. It is also important to note that the Crown should not, whether intentionally or otherwise, attempt to influence the outcome a Royal List by using that authority. On multiple occasions a Crown has barred or attempted to bar a swath of people from competing in the Royal Lists based on factors such as geographical location, household affiliation, membership in a particular order, or simply rejecting well over half the letters of intent, giving the distinct impression that this action would control the outcome of the tourney. In 2022, the Society Seneschal issued a Corpora interpretation barring this practice which was upheld by the Board. This proposed language would add and define this restriction to Corpora directly, and also to require the Crown to state a reason to an individual to whom they have refused entry if the individual requests it.

Proposed language:

IV. ROYALTY

4. The Crown may refuse entry into the Royal Lists as either combatant or consort, on an individual basis only, for cause stated only to the person denied entry. Entry into the Royal Lists may not be denied to identifiable groups of people, or to a large enough number of entrants that it materially affects the size of the list.

5. The Coronet of a Principality may deny entry as stated above, only with the approval of the Crown.

Corpora, including the By-Laws, can be found in its entirety can be found here:
<https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/govdocs/>

Please email all commentary to SCA-Comments@sca.org and use the title “Royalty Selection” in the subject line.

NOTE: Do not use attachments in your commentary. Attachments will cause your message to be marked as spam, and it will be bounced.

In lieu of email, commentary may be sent by US Mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
RE: Royalty Selection
P.O. Box 611928
San Jose, CA 95161

Commentary regarding this proposed Corpora change, whether sent by email or US Mail, must be received by the Board no later than June 30, 2024.

THE BATTLE SONG OF THE VALKYRIE

Cited at the onset of Njal's Saga, and submitted by Duke Rorik Gunnarson in advance of bardic season in hopes that it will inspire others.

On Valkyrie, from Njal's Saga Chapter 156

On the morning of the Battle of Clontarf a man from Caithness, named Daurrud followed the Valkyrie and watched them work. He memorized their song and gave it to the people of Midgard. And now, those wise and well read know some of the names of the Choosers of the Dead.

He (Daurrud) saw folk riding twelve together to a bower, and there they were all lost to his sight.

He went to that bower and looked in through a window slit that was in it, and saw that there were women inside, and they had set up a loom.

Men's heads were the weights, but men's entrails were the warp and weft, a sword was the shuttle, and the reels were

arrows. They sang these songs, and he learnt them by heart:

"See! warp is stretched
For warriors' fall,
Lo! weft in loom

'Tis wet with blood;
Now fight foreboding,
'Neath friends' swift fingers,
Our grey woof waxeth
With war's alarms,
Our warp bloodred,
Our weft corseblue.

"This woof is y-woven
With entrails of men,
This warp is hardweighted
With heads of the slain,
Spears blood-besprinkled
For spindles we use,
Our loom ironbound,
And arrows our reels;
With swords for our shuttles
This war-woof we work;
So weave we, weird sisters,
Our warwinning woof.

"Now Warwinner walketh
To weave in her turn,
Now Swordswinger steppeth,
Now Swiftstroke, now Storm;
When they speed the shuttle
How spearheads shall flash!
Shields crash, and
helmgnawer
On harness bite hard!

"Wind we, wind swiftly
Our warwinning woof
Woof erst for king youthful
Foredoomed as his own,
Forth now we will ride,
Then through the ranks rushing
Be busy where friends
Blows blithe give and take.

"Wind we, wind swiftly
Our warwinning woof,
After that let us steadfastly
Stand by the brave king;
Then men shall mark mournful
Their shields red with gore,
How Swordstroke and Spearthrust
Stood stout by the prince.

"Wind we, wind swiftly
Our warwinning woof.
When sword-bearing rovers
To banners rush on,
Mind, maidens, we spare not
One life in the fray!
We corse-choosing sisters
Have charge of the slain.

"Now new-coming nations
That island shall rule,
Who on outlying headlands
Abode ere the fight;
I say that King mighty
To death now is done,
Now low before spearpoint
That Earl bows his head.

"Now surely 'tis gruesome
To gaze all around.
When bloodred through
heaven
Drives cloudrack o'er head;
Air soon shall be deep hued
With dying men's blood
When this our spaedom
Comes speedy to pass.

"So cheerily chant we
Charms for the young king,
Come maidens lift loudly
His warwinning lay;
Let him who now listens
Learn well with his ears
And gladden brave
swordsmen
With bursts of war's song.

"Now mount we our horses,
Now bare we our brands,

*Then they plucked down the
woof and tore it asunder, and
each kept what she had hold of.*

*Now Daurrud goes away from
the slit, and home; but they got
on their steeds and rode six to the
south, and the other six to the
north.*

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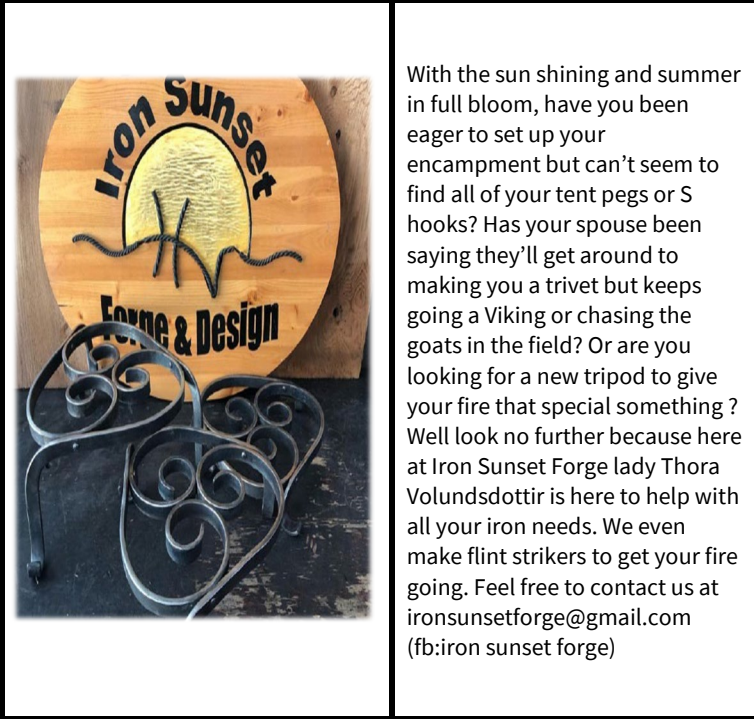
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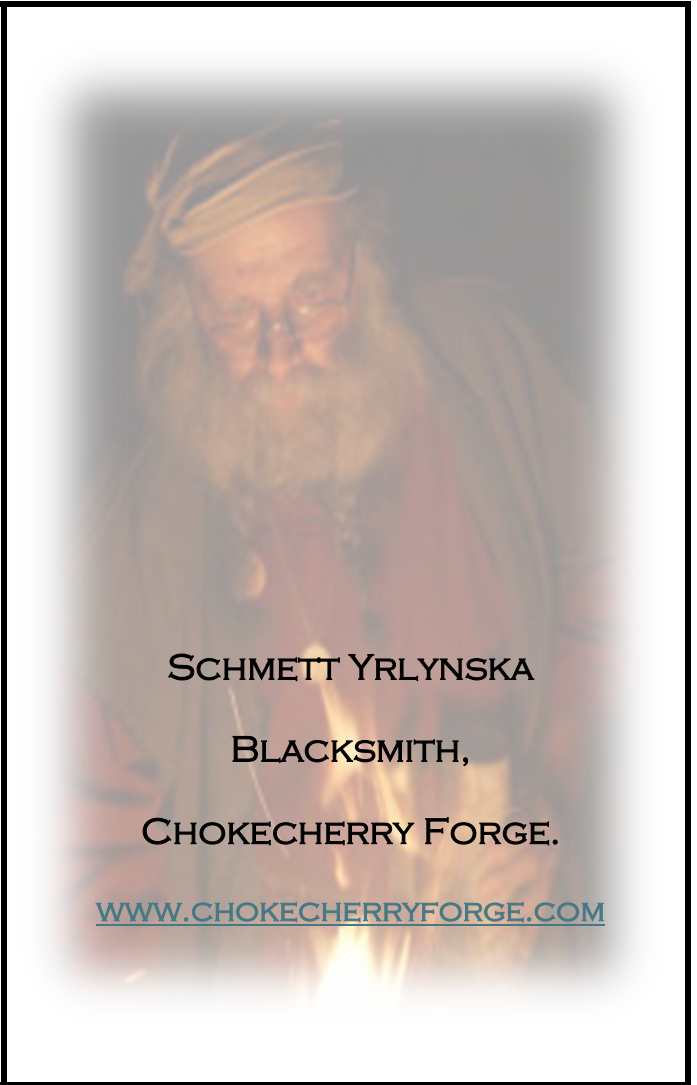
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