

AVANTGARDE

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Dear Friends,



What a wonderful Crown Tournament! First and foremost, a congratulations to our new Heirs, Their Royal Highnesses of Avacal, Prince Ellias and Princess Keira! Also, finishing second and earning a Silver Griffin of Avacal, Hrogn and Astrid!

Also held at Crown was our Avacal Youth Championship won by Vesla, congratulations! Having successfully completed his tenure as Champion, Njord Swordbreaker, of Borealis, stepped aside, receive is Elder of Avacal.

This crown was an amazing experience. It saw three Avacalians raised to peerage, one each of Laurel, Master of Defense and Pelican. Amery Stewart was recognized for his mastery of woodworking with a Laurel, Castra D'Or was awarded Mastery of Defense and myself, Hamelin L'Archie was recognized for ongoing service to Avacal with a Pelican.

The expression of love I received and witnessed for the other vigilants was staggering. Avacal knows how to show their affections and admirations. I sat my second vigil on the deck of my cabin – the food and drink was plentiful and so was the constant stream of people coming by to wish me well and pass on important words of wisdom. Thank you to everyone who stopped in or wanted to stop in but couldn't due to time constraints and long lines. You are all lovely, and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

I would like to take the time to thank my wife, Kolbera, for her support through the elevation and the years leading up to it. I could not have, nor would have, done it without you. I would also like to thank Vesper de Bryce, my inspiration, my friend and my family, whose kind words brought me to tears while kneeling before Their Majesties.

We are gearing up for feast season as the weather turns – we will see you out there Avacal, stay safe and warm!

Until next issue!
Hamelin L'Archie

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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 and include your SCA name with you 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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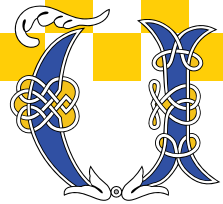
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KINGDOM AND COURT



nto the Mighty Kingdom of Avacal,

Thank you to all of Avacal from Your King and Queen. Her Majesty Eyoddi and I are humble by your service to and love of this Kingdom. So many wonderful events at Crown this past weekend. Congratulations first to Our Heirs Prince Elias and Princess Keira. Both fought fiercely and with Your combined skill and experience ruling this Kingdom, We know that Avacal will be in good hands.

To the Silver Griffins, Hrogn and Astrid, you both also fought fiercely and We know that it is only a matter of time until you will also rule this Kingdom.

We cannot describe the honor and privilege that it was to be able to elevate such worthy and noble peers. When fighting in Crown I admit the desire to elevate My Inspiration to be Queen. But I never realized how incredible it was to be able to be a small part of the recognition of the your deeds. Thank you Catra, Amery, and Hamelin for allowing us to be the ones to formally recognize all that you have done for Avacal and the SCA.

A new Youth Champion was brought to us on the winds. Vesla has already begun to gather wordfame. I am excited to see how you work to promote youth combat in Avacal over your term as Our Champion.

Finally a thank you to event stewards, heralds, marshalls, archers, teachers, bards, gards, artisans, merchants, organizers and volunteers and every other person too numerous to list who contributed in any and ever way to making Our Crown event something we will always remember. Our reign is half done but these moments we share last in fond memory until the end of time.

Gunther Rorikson, King
Eyoddi Lokadottir, Queen



KINGDOM AND COURT

ROYALTY, AVACAL



GUNTHER RORIKSON
KING



EYODDI LOKADOTTIR
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ELLIAS SILVER
CROWN PRINCE



KIERA THE SHADOWED
CROWN PRINCESS

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Champion of Arrow	Adam of the Camp
Champion of Bardic	Aran of Ayresgarde
Champion of Rapier	Robert of Clan Gunn
Champion of Youth	Vesla

COMING EVENTS

Snoweaters, October 27-29, 2023, Windwurm

Samhain, November 4, 2023, Montengarde

Winter Coronation, November 10-12, Sigelhundas

A Very Ayresgarde Christmas, November 25, 2023, Ayresgarde

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

OFFICIAL EVENT POSTINGS

VINFEST

When: Sept 15-17, 2023

Where: Camp Tamarack, 704063, Range Rd 62, Grand Prairie, AB, T8W 5B3

Site Hours: 1200 Friday to 1500 Sunday

Price: \$30 (\$25 with membership) 17 and under free.

Event Stewards:

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Please join us for Vinfest to welcome in the Autumn season. Defenderships up for grabs. Come shoot an arrow, swing a sword, cross some rapiers, show off your projects. Enjoy some lovely food and merriment and laughter as we all feast together.

MYRGAN WOOD ANNIVERSARY

When: October 7, 2023

Where: Convocation Hall, University of Saskatchewan PMB 120, 107 Administration Pl

Site Hours: 9am to 10pm

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

Event Stewards:

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Come one and all! This October to witness the selection of Myrgan Wood's Armoured and Arts and Science champions!!! Attend classes, and explore the lovely museum of antiquities while celebrating the Barony of Myrgan Wood.

SNOWEATERS

When: October 27 -29, 2023

Where: 133 3 Street, Shaughnessy, AB, T0K 2A0

Site Hours: 5pm Friday to 11am Sunday

Price: \$15 (\$10 with membership) 17 and under free.

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- Feast!
 - Heavy defendership
 - Rapier defendership
 - Bardic defendership
 - Arts and Science defendership
- some archery fun

NOVEMBER CORONATION

When: November 10-12, 2023

Where: Heritage Inn and Convention Centre Moose Jaw, 1590 Main Street North, Moose Jaw, Sask. S6J1L3

Site Hours: 6pm Friday to 1pm Sunday

Price: \$30 (\$25 with membership) 17 and under free.

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Greetings unto all of Avacal! The Shire of Sigelhundas invites you to join us in witnessing the Coronation of the Heirs to the Thrones of Avacal, Their Royal Highnesses, TBD! Long May They Reign! Their Royal Highnesses will ascend the Griffon Thrones of Avacal on Saturday November 11, 2023 at the Heritage Inn Moose Jaw.

KRAMPUS IS COMING

When: December 2, 2023

Where: Immanuel Anglican Church 142 Massey Rd., Regina, SK,

Site Hours: 8 am to Midnight

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

Event Steward:

Trahaearn (Matthew Pawliuk, mapawliuk@live.com)

Krampus is coming, are you ready to join Sigelhundas in a day of activities and entertainment. This fun-filled event is family friendly and should not be scary to children. There will be space for merchants and lots of activities for those who choose to partake with an evening of bardic during feast.



FEATURED ARTICLE

Meet Avacal's New Exchequer - Ruqayyah

My first event was Yule 2018 which just happens to be the day my love affair started with this community. Since then I have been able to contribute to the Barony of Borealis as Deputy A&S minister, Bardic Champion and lending a hand at many Barony and Kingdom events.

I'm very grateful for the many friendships and knowledge gained by some fabulous instructors. Who knew that I can't really sew and am horrible at calligraphy? I'm also appreciative that I could pass on my own expertise in Middle Eastern percussion. Looking forward to serving our Kingdom as Exchequer. If anyone is interest in being a deputy please feel free to reach out to me at exchequer@avacal.org
Ruqayyah



Baron Hamelin L'Archier
Proudly displaying his gift of a vigil
book made by Duchess Svava. Pho-
tograph by Svava.

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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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MEETING SCHEDULE:

Third Quarter 2023
Date: July 23, 2023
Please note: Agenda Deadline is July 1, 2023
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Fourth Quarter 2023
Date: October 22, 2023
Please note: Agenda Deadline is October 1, 2023
Locale/Method TBA

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AVACAL KINGDOM BUSINESS

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.

Be on target! Deputy Society Marshals Wanted

These are exciting times for the Society, as we return to events and practices, have ever increasing access to historical sources and equipment, and see growing interest in historical combat. The Society Marshal is seeking two Deputies to join our team, 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.

Two Deputies are currently being sought for the roles of:

Society Deputy for Target Archery (TA)
Society Deputy for Thrown Weapons (TW)

The duties of the office include:

Inform and support the Society Marshal in matters concerning TA and TW
Oversee Kingdom TA/TW Deputies concerning the supervision of TA and TW activities at Society events
Work to promote and improve the safety of the Society's TA and TW activities
Work with the Minister of Arts and Sciences to

encourage research in weapons and the practice of historical archery and thrown weapons
Day-to-day work of the position entails administering the TA and TW activities of the Society and coordinating the activities of the Kingdom TA and TW Deputies. Reports are required to be filed quarterly to the Society Marshal summarizing the TA and TW activities of the Society. These activities specifically include:

Supporting the Kingdom TA and TW Deputies when they have questions, and advising them as necessary

Review and oversight of Kingdom TA and TW rules to ensure they are consistent with Society TA and TW Handbooks and any affiliate legal limitations

Help resolving disputes among TA and TW marshals

Encouraging the expansion of TA and TW activities in the Society through wise revision of the Society TA and TW handbooks, and review and approval of experiments with new materials and activities.

The successful candidate must be well versed in administrative techniques, problem solving,

and interpersonal communications. The successful candidate will possess:

Knowledge of TA or TW marshallate policy, rules, and procedures

Knowledge of the traditions of the Society
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

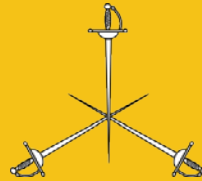
Experienced in the use of modern communications media, messaging, e-mail and telephone
You must hold a current Society membership.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, together with modern and SCA qualifications, to the Society Marshal via email – marshal@sca.org

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

COURT REPORT

AVACAL ON VIGIL



None Currently

The Court of Their Majesties King Gunther Rorikson and Queen Eyoddi Lokadottir September Crown AS LVIII

Ellias Silver

Kiera the Shadowed

Hrogn Guntherson

Ástriðr Arnbjarnardóttir

Njord Swordbreaker

Vesla of Avacal

Cynnia Mactyre

Bailey of Borealis

Amery Stewart

Castra D'Or

Hamelin L'Archier

Barony of Montengarde

Barony of Montengarde

Barony of Myrgan Wood

Barony of Myrgan Wood

Barony of Borealis

Barony of Borealis

Barony of Montengarde

Barony of Borealis

Barony of Borealis

Avacal King's Land

Barony of Borealis

Crown Prince

Crown Princess

Silver Griffon of Avacal

Silver Griffon of Avacal

Elder of Avacal

Avacal Champion of Youth

Award of Arms

Award of Arms

Laurel

Order of Defense

Pelican

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SCA NEWS

Commentary Request – Proposed Corpora Change – Crown List Refusal

The Board of Directors is currently considering the following addition to Corpora and invites commentary from the membership and participants:

IV.A. Royalty—Selection

4. The Crown may refuse entry into the Royal Lists as either combatant or consort, on an individual basis only, for just cause stated in writing to that individual.

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 November 1, 2023.

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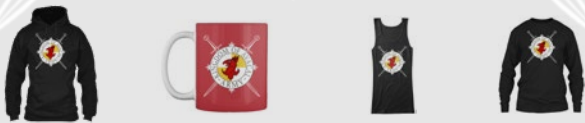
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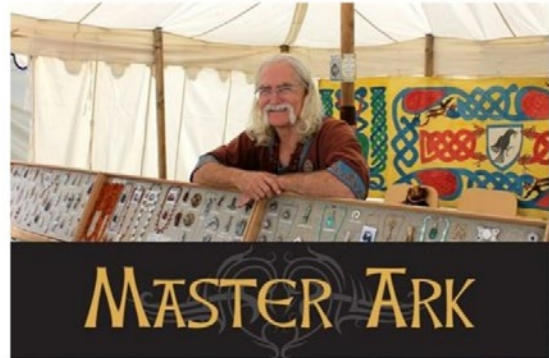
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