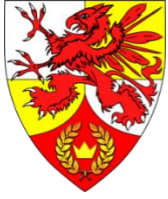


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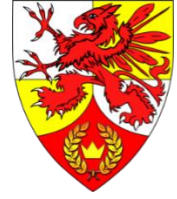
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# AVACAL ROYALTY



## Their Royal Majesties

King of  
Avacal

Hrogan Gunthersson

Queen of  
Avacal

Astridr Arnbjarnardottir



## Royal Progress

These are the events Their Majesties are planning to attend:

Dragonslayer  
Fall Crown  
Myrgan Wood Anniversary  
Samhain

Valley War  
Vinfest  
Snoweaters  
Winter Coronation

For any further information on Their Majesties progress, or general retinue questions, please contact the [Head of Retinue](#) - Duchess Asney Grimolfrsdottir

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*For further kingdom details, please visit [Avacal.org](http://Avacal.org) the recognized website for The Kingdom of Avacal.*

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[Royal Herald](#)

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Camp Coordinator

Wardrobe Team

Conan of Myrgan Wood

Duchess Asney & Duchess Svava

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Jacinda Johnsdottir

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Duchess Inga, Duchess Svava, and Signe Smidja



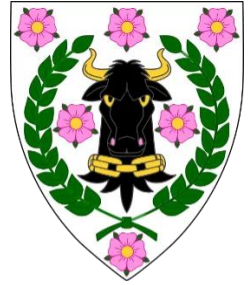


# Award Recipients at Dragonslayer 2025

Kiera the Shadowed  
Freydis Birthesdottir  
Melchor De Bazán  
Sigfuss Thorulfsson  
Vladimir Strážca  
Jocelyn of Montengarde  
Ana Maria del Salto  
Geneviève Cadieux  
Lucrezia Iseppa Constantina di Arborea  
Bjar the Blue  
Kiera the Shadowed  
Ellias Silver  
Donnan Sionnach  
Cynnia Mactyre  
Freydis Birthesdottir  
Sigfuss Thorulfsson  
Šejmes of Montengarde

Argent Flame  
Black Arrow  
Champion of Sword  
Champion of Arrows  
Sable Dragon of Montengarde  
Sable Dragon of Montengarde  
Golden Link  
Horn and Sword  
Sable Cinquefoil of Montengarde  
Mountains of Montengarde  
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# BARONY OF MONTENGARDE & THE BARONIAL SUCCESSION APPLICATION



We, Baron Refr and Baroness Adis, have been honoured and so proud to have been able to serve you as your Barons for the last two and a half years. It has been humbling in the best of ways and one of the most amazing journeys of Our lives. Watching the joy on People's faces when We have been able to give awards acknowledging all the amazing work they do; being able to stand at the head of Our mighty army, seeing the military might of Our people; being able to give beautifully made largess to Our amazing volunteers; welcoming all the wonderful Newcomers who joined this Great Game during Our time on the Baronial Thrones. These are things that will be hard to give up but give it up We shall, and a bit sooner than you are expecting.

With Baron Bjar and the Baronial Officers having bravely held their positions during Covid for longer than normal, when We stepped up almost all of Our officers were also new in their positions or were needing to step down shortly after Our own Step Up. If We wear the Coronets for a full four years, almost all the Baronial Officers will be needing to step down at the same time a new Baronial couple steps up. It also creates a situation in Avacal where all three Baronial couples will be stepping down at the same time. This means there is no experienced Baronial couple still in Office to help the newer ones. Though past Barons are wellsprings of information, they cannot be present at the plethora of meetings that sitting Barons need to team up for.

We both feel that We can be best of service to Our Barony and to Our Kingdom by ensuring that there is a smoother transition for Our people and for the Baronies of Avacal at the 4-year post-Covid mark.

We are announcing that we will be stepping down at Montengarde's 12th Night, in January of 2026. That means that the process for the Crown to choose a new Baronial couple begins now. The entire polling process is approximately 90 days. This includes a Baronial Meet & Greet for people to ask potential baronial couples questions and this will take place on Tuesday September 9, 2025, at Tavern. All interested parties must have not just applied but gained actual approval from the Crown to put their names forward before that event. The Baronial Polling will take place on Thursday September 18, during fight practice. The results from the Polling then go to the Crown. They consider the applicants and the input from the Populace from the polling and then They decide who will be next to sit the Baronial Thrones and when it will be announced.

What does this mean for people who are considering putting their names forward? First, you should read the "[Avacal Kingdom Laws](#)" so that you have a better understanding of the position of Territorial Baron. Many assumptions are made by people considering this position and they are often incorrect. This document can be found in the Avacal Website Document Library in the Seneschal folder, under Laws, Policy and Warrants. Next, you should read the "[Kingdom of Avacal Baronial Polling Processes](#)". This document can be found in the Avacal Website Document Library in the Seneschal folder, under Handbooks and will describe the process for submitting your application to Their [Majesties](#), the [Kingdom Seneschal](#) and [Ourselves](#).

We look forward to answering any questions you might have as to Our experience on the Baronial Thrones and We look forward to mentoring and supporting Our successors. Have no fear. You have a proud lineage standing behind you, supporting you and cheering for you.

In Service to Their Majesties and to the People of Montengarde.

Baron Refr and Baroness Adis

# 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.





# SOCIETY NEWS & EVENTS



## KNOWN WORLD EVENTS

### [Virtual Known World Newcomer's Symposium](#)

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Kingdom of Atenveldt

Event Steward: Lady Victoria

Co-Steward: Mistress Kolgrima Asgeirsdottir



**KNOWN WORLD  
NEWCOMER'S  
SYMPOSIUM**

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## INTERKINGDOM WARS

### [GREAT WESTERN WAR](#)

November 4-10, 2025

Kingdom of Caïd (California)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### [CORPORA AMENDMENT COMMENTARY REQUEST - INCLUSION OF DEIB AND CHATELAINE AS GREATER OFFICERS](#)

The Board of SCA Inc. is seeking feedback on the proposed amendment to Corpora regarding the inclusion of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) Officer and Chatelaine as Greater Officers. Please click on the title to read the entire article and the instructions for commentary submission.



### [ANNOUNCING THE NEW ARMORED COMBAT \(RATTAN\) HANDBOOK](#)

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) has released an updated Armored Combat (Rattan) Handbook, marking the first major step in its comprehensive Rules Modernization Project. Effective December 2025, this initiative aims to update all martial handbooks and relevant Corpora sections to better reflect the SCA's current structure, culture, and safety best practices. A key improvement is the handbook's modernized format, designed for easy online access and usability, featuring a clearer layout and improved navigation to help both newcomers and experienced participants find information quickly and confidently.

The official PDF of the new handbook is available on the SCA.org website, and an online version is also accessible via a dedicated viewer. Additionally, a detailed FAQ explaining the changes, format, and broader modernization process can be found in the SCA.org document library. To support the transition, the Society Marshal's Office is hosting bi-weekly Zoom training sessions open to all on specific second Thursdays and fourth Sundays (starting August 14th and 24th, respectively), offering opportunities to ask questions and discuss the updates. Readers are encouraged to review the materials and attend a session.

## BOD MEETING SCHEDULE:

### **2025 QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

October 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - Live (Hybrid)

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## **SOCIETY OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

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## THE SIGNOROTTI MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE FUND

Experiencing financial stress? The Signorotti Membership Assistance Fund is available to support those participants who may find it difficult to continue their memberships. We also welcome donations to this fund.

Members of our community can request assistance from our Corporate Office to purchase or renew memberships using this fund, named in honor of Renee Signorotti who recently retired after heading up the SCA's Membership Office for over 40 years.

To request assistance:

1. Email [membership@sca.org](mailto:membership@sca.org) and let us know that you would like to take part in this program. Please be assured that we will treat your request confidentially. No financial questions will be asked, as requests will be taken on good-faith.
2. Complete a membership application (found on the [Document Library page](#)) and send it to the Corporate Office via email, Postal Mail, or Fax.

# AVACAL OFFICIAL EVENTS



## VALLEY WAR

August 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Site Address: Besant Campground

SK-1, Caron No. 162, SK S0H 3E0

Event Steward: [Mór of Sigelhundas](#)

Gate Fees:

Adult: \$30 (\$20 with membership)

Youth: Free

Children: Free

Please, join us in another Valley War! Expect shenanigans, archery defenderships, war, and friends! Not only is Valley Wold looking to defend its borders once more, Sigelhundas helps.

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## SEPTEMBER CROWN

August 29<sup>th</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Site Address: Quad War Site

52°53'02.7"N 109°53'56.1"W

Event Steward: [Volchok Vikingsson](#)

Co-Steward: [Lucinda Knarrabringa](#)

Gate Fees:

Adult: \$40 (\$30 w/membership)

Youth: Free

Children: Free



With the Realm in good standing, Their Majesties turn Their attention to the selection of Heirs to the thrones. Join Their Majesties and witness the finest warriors advance consorts for the purpose of serving as King and Queen. Tis a glorious day when the sun sets on one reign and rises on another. Who will be our new Monarchs? Join us and see!

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## VINFEST: SILK ROAD TRADERS EDITION

September 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Camp Tamarack

704063 Range Road 62

Grande Prairie, AB T8W 5B3

Event Steward: Sir Olaf

Co-Steward: [HL Anna](#)

Gate Fees:

Adults \$35 (\$25 with membership)

Youth 0-17 Free

Feast Steward: Jessica

The feast menu will be announced soon.

Feast Fees:

Adult & Youth 12yrs and up - TBA

Join us in the beautiful autumn season to find new A&S, Rapier, Heavy and Archery Defenders! This year's theme will be The Silk Road Traders - more details to follow!



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## MYRGAN WOOD ANNIVERSARY

October 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Site Address: TBA

Event Steward: TBA

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## CANCELLED!!! SNOW EATERS CANCELLED!!!

October 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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# SAMHAIN

Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Abbeydale Community Hall

821 Abbeydale Drive NE

Calgary, AB T2A 6N7

Event Stewards: [Lucrezia Iseppa Constantina di Arborea](#), [Freydis Birthesdottir](#), and [Jocelyn of Montengarde](#)

Feast Steward: Sigfuss Thorulfsson



## Gate Fees:

Adult: \$35 (\$25 w/membership)

Youth: Free

Children: Free

## Feast Fees:

Adult: \$15

Youth: \$15

Children: Free

Bardic Championship, armoured, rapier, A&S tournaments, there is something for everyone! Come and be a part of Spicy Samhain!

More information coming soon!

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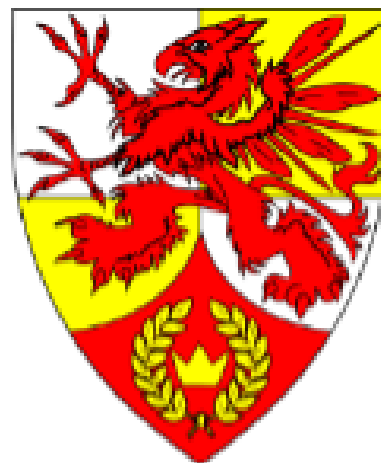
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