

AVANTGARDE

KINGDOM OF AVACAL'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



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CHRONICLER'S DESK

Dear Friends,



As I write this, I have just returned from Quad War, where Their Majesties, based on the advice of the membership, have placed me on vigil for admission to the Order of the Pelicans. Words cannot express how honored I am to be considered worthy of joining their esteemed ranks. Over the past few days, many have shared with me the emotions I am likely to experience in the near future - feelings of elation, moments of self-doubt, and a sense of disbelief. Each of these emotions has had its fleeting reign in my thoughts and heart. However, after getting some rest, all I feel is a heart filled with joy and a renewed commitment to Our Kingdom, Our Game, and Our Dream. This is not an end; rather, it marks the beginning of my next journey.

I have been involved in this game for twenty-three years, with my first event being Clinton War in 2000, though my participation was intermittent for the first 12 years as I focused on building a life with my wonderful wife, Kolbera. Together, we decided to dive into the SCA as a shared hobby and have never regretted that decision. Five years ago, we relocated to Avacal and immediately found ourselves welcomed into a community of amazing individuals within the SCA. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and engage in our game the Avacalian way.

I invite everyone to come join me at Fall Crown at the Quad War Site as I sit vigil and seek the wisdom of the peers and populace! (Eat all the food, drink all the drinks, come chat with me in my tent!) A month prior, if you feel like a drive, I will be hosting a vigil at Lion's War (Clinton) to celebrate in our old home shire of Coill Mhor. I plan to have my elevation at Winter Coronation.

Thank you, dear friends, for granting me the opportunity to serve and for allowing us to share our lives with you.

Until next issue!
Hamelin L'Archier

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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 your 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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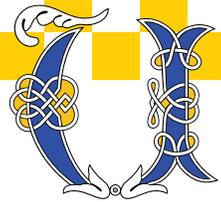
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KINGDOM AND COURT



nto the Mighty Kingdom of Avacal,

We write to our populace, fresh from the fighting fields of our great summer event, Quad War. The noble Barony of Borealis emerged victorious, but this victory was shared by all who fought, taught, or engaged in the revelry that unfolded before us.

We welcomed esteemed guests from far-off lands, including the noble Kingdoms of Trimaris and Northshield. Despite the challenges posed by inclement weather, the spirit of Quad War persevered, and all were impressed with our tenacity and unique coleslaw making techniques.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for the generosity displayed by our people. The reports of our successful fundraising efforts filled our court, and we are proud of the lasting impact our contributions will have on the Quad War site.

Next is our journey to the fiftieth Pennsic in early August. While several of our populace are able to attend with us, we shall stand as proxies for all, carrying the spirit of Avacal to the Known World.

Our next home event will be Fall Crown. Join us on the September long weekend at the Quad War Site, where we shall witness, with our populace, the tournament to determine our Heirs and the pageantry of that great contest.

With resolute hearts and unwavering commitment, we stand as one in service to Avacal.

Gunther Rorikson, King
Eyoddi Lokadottir, Queen

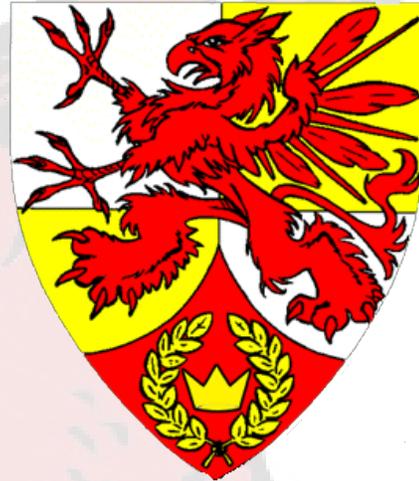


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COMING EVENTS

Pillage Practice - July 14-16, 2023, Shire of Sigelhundas

Midsummer Mischief - July 21-23, 2023, Shire of Ayresgarde

Tri-Baronial Cup - CANCELLED

Valley War - August 18 - August 20, 2023, Shire of Valley Wold

Fall Crown - September 1-3, 2023, Bordergate @ Quad Site

Vinfest, September 15-17, 2023, Shire of Vinjar

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

OFFICIAL EVENT POSTINGS

PILLAGE PRACTICE

When: July 14 - 16, 2023

Where: White City Acreage

Site Hours: 4pm Friday to Noon Sunday

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

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Join the Shire of Sigelhundas for a day of fantastic fun, bardic balderdash, slinging steel, pointy projectiles, crazy combat, and delightful dancing, among other things! Something for everyone! Camping possible.

MIDSUMMER

MISCHIEF

When: July 21-23, 2023

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

Site Hours: 4pm Friday to 4pm Sunday

Price: \$20 (\$15 with membership) 17 and under free.

Event Steward:

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All the frivolous fun you know and love, and now featuring our armoured, rapier, and archery defendership tournaments! Plus classes, merchants, the ever popular Mischief Games and MUCH MORE! What are you waiting for?

VALLEY WAR

When: August 18-20, 2023

Where: Rankins Group Camping Buffalo Pound Provincial Park Marquis No. 191, Moosejaw, SK, S0H4C0

Site Hours: 1pm Friday to 12pm Sunday

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

Event Stewards:

Geoffry Lawrence (Jeff McKibben) jeffmckibben@hotmail.com & Jacinda of Valley Wold (Jacinda Tyndall)

Good people of Avacal , come to Valley War to help us decide a territory dispute with our neighbor , ie postal codes.

So we are going Postal this year This will be decided by war points for archery, heavy combat, rapier combat , A&S and bardic. We will be having our shire archery defenders tournament as well.

FALL CROWN

When: Sept 1-4, 2023

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

Site Hours: 1500 hours (3 pm) Friday to 1200 hours (noon) Monday

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

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With Their Baronies in order, borders secure, rebels crushed, foreign wars resolved, populace hale and

happy, the armies well equipped and in good standing Their Majesties turn Their attention to Their single largest duty to the Kingdom; the selection of Heirs.

Please join Their Majesties for bardic evenings and tournament days while the finest warriors advance their consorts for the purpose of offering service to the Kingdom as the new King and Queen. These will be heady days of legend and lore where one reign wanes while a new one waxes. Who will be our new Monarchs? Come and see.

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.



FEATURED ARTICLE

Get Thy Medieval On!

by HL Cathrine of the Rowan Tree

Good people of Avacal! I would like to share a story of interkingdom friendship and celebration of dance.

Last month, I had the pleasure of dancing for an evening in the Royal City of Eoforwic (Toronto).

Over the last four years I have sorely missed the opportunity to visit with dance enthusiasts from other regions in the SCA. Since 2005 I have travelled to every Known World Dance Symposium. There, I could learn and teach with friends from all over the world who shared my passion for dance. The last one I attended before the pandemic shutdown was KWDS 13 in Ansteorra in 2019.

Earlier this year, I set up a trip to visit friends and relatives in Toronto in June. By happy chance, the four days I spent there would overlap with one of Eoforwic's weekly meetings. The canton rotates through a variety of activities each month. In May I reached out to Seneschal John Sproule to ask if they had any dance practices.

Alas no, but they were open to my request to see if there would be interest in featuring dance at their June 13 gathering.

Ealdormere is home to several dance Laurels. I wrote to the ones I knew of that lived near Toronto. Would they like to meet up, I asked? I was thrilled that

three of them were available to attend:

- Dame Emma Danskona
- Mistress Rosina del Bosco Chiara
- Mistress Roselyne de l'Estrangere

The four of us shared out the teaching. Each instructor led two dances. We ended up doing a variety of styles that included Almans, Gresley (early English c.1500) 15th Century Italian, 16th Century Italian, and English Country dance. Participant skills ranged from complete beginner to (as I note above) Laurel-level.

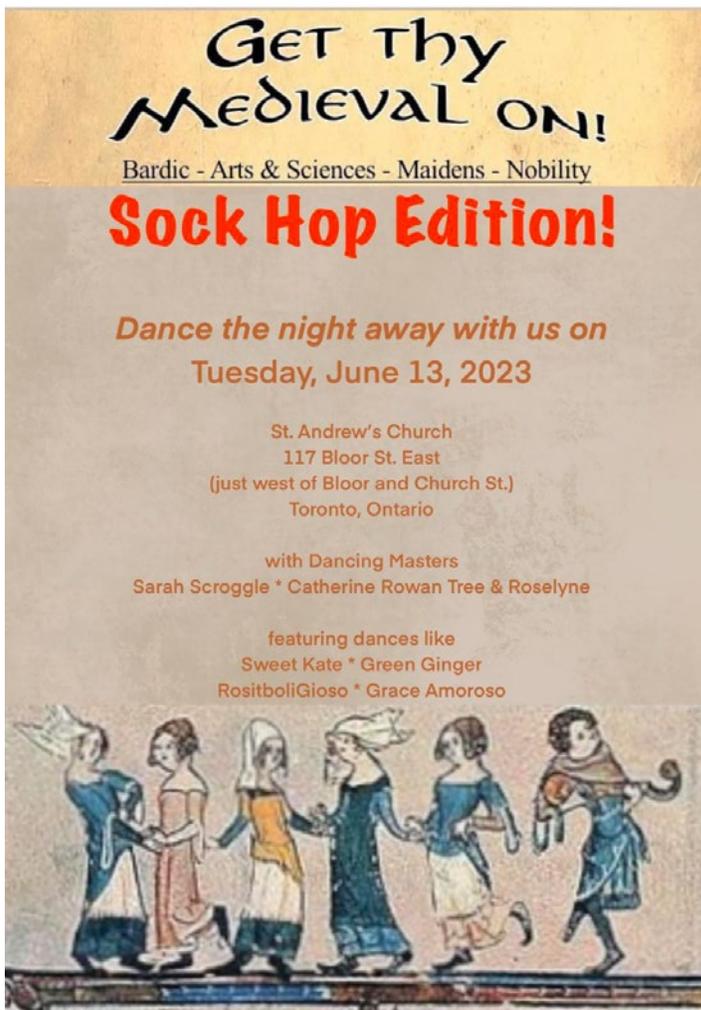
All eight of us at the meeting danced for the entire two hours! At the end of the night, I learned that it was the first dancing they'd done since before the pandemic. They are enthused about continuing and have now committed to doing one dance practice every month.

I am quite chuffed that I successfully instigated a dance activity in another kingdom. It was so much fun to connect with folks I had not seen in years! I certainly hope I can visit them again.

Yay dancing!

-HL Catherine of the Rowan Tree

*Orders of the Winged Lynx & Harp of Avacal
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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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Date: October 22, 2023
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Locale/Method TBA

CONFERENCE CALL SCHEDULE: TBA

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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.

Amendment – COVIDSafe Policy

The Board of Directors continue to monitor and review the environmental landscape as it relates to COVID-19. In line with the shift in approach from an emergency response to incorporating COVID-19 activities into sustainable public health practice for almost all jurisdictions, in late May 2023 the Board has amended its COVIDSafe Policy to remove the requirement for the following text to be included in event details, on websites and posted at events:

“Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.”

This announcement is no longer required.

The Board has directed the SCA, Inc. President and Society Seneschal to continue to monitor the COVID-19 environment. All Society participants are actively encouraged to take appropriate actions to support their personal health circumstances.

Questions or comments regarding this amendment should be directed to Mr. Fulton at president@sca.org.

If you send comments, please use the subject line “COVIDSafe Amendment May 2023”. Comments are welcomed and strongly encouraged.

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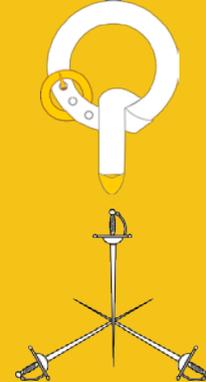
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 ELEVATION & VIGIL: Fall Crown
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The Court of Their Majesties King Gunther Rorikson and Queen Eyoddi Lokadottir Silver Wolf & Quad War XXVII

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QUAD WAR

OUT OF KINGDOM EVENT

Lion's War

Clinton War Site - August Long Weekend

August 4th noon - August 7th 3pm

Barony of Lions Gate

Event Steward: Mikhail Kurganovic (mbe@uniserve.com)

Event Fee: Adult \$45, Membership discount of \$5 will apply, Eighteen and under Free. Make cheques payable to Barony of Lions Gate.

Site Address: Martin Ranch on Clinton Creek, 7701 Clinton Station Road, Clinton BC Canada

There is RV parking available in the upper parking lot – no additional fees

Merchants are welcome – no merchant fees

There will be non-TUTR classes for those with a thirst for knowledge. If there is something you would like to learn or teach, please contact our class coordinator, Rhune (bcchains@yahoo.com)

For many years, the valley of Clinton has suffered under the oppressive weight of peace and harmony.

Now, at last, war has come again to the traditional stomping grounds of Lions Gate's mighty army, the ancestral seat of Viscountess Maelen and her lord, Viscount Scellanus, and the home of Tir Righ's most venerable castle. War!! Economic prosperity! Martial glory! And a new collection of epic tales to while away the winter hours!

The ravaging hordes of Cold Keep and her lackeys are marching South under the flimsy pretext of collecting tithes. The Glorious Baron and Baroness of Lions Gate call on their armies, their vassals, their allies, and all lovers of truth and justice to join them in crushing this nefarious insurrection, and then celebrating victory in an epic party for the ages.

Return with us to the home of mighty battles of the past. Join friends and family as we meet in glorious battle, slay our foes, and then join them in camaraderie and revels afterwards. Hear the clash of armoured combat upon the dusty plains of Clinton! Witness the swashbuckling elegance of rapier combat in the tavern! Hear the songs of the bards as we gather around the hearths at night, and revel in the craft of the most skilled of artists as we sing, fight, and craft our way to victory.

Come Seagirt! Come Madrone! Come Borealis and Montengarde! Thornwold and Danescombe, Krakafjord and Tir Bannog, come ye all! Come ride to victory in armour, rapier, archery and thrown weapons, arts and a children's battle.

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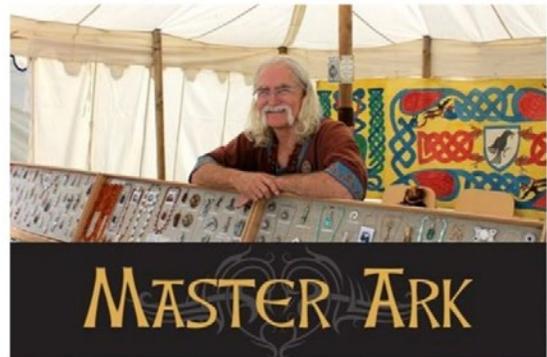
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With the sun shining and summer in full bloom, have you been eager to set up your encampment but can't seem to find all of your tent pegs or S hooks? Has your spouse been saying they'll get around to making you a trivet but keeps going a Viking or 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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