

AVANTGARDE

10 YEARS OF MAJESTY, 10 YEARS OF AVACAL



Kingdom of Avacal's Official Newsletter
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Chronicler's Desk

Greetings Auacal!

You'll notice some exciting updates to our official newsletter! Moving forward, it will feature both current news (as of the publication date) and upcoming events, helping to keep everyone informed and reducing the need for guesswork about what's happening across the Kingdom.

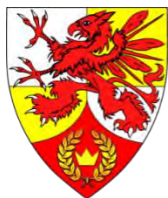
Additionally, I'll be sharing event information as soon as it's submitted through the website platform - even before it's officially posted - so you can start planning your adventures and making the most of all the fun opportunities ahead!

And remember - we're always looking for your contributions! If you have articles, announcements, or stories to share, please send them in for the Fluffy Flyer.

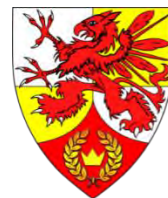
Yours in service,

Lady Lucrezia Iseppa Constantina di Arborea





AVACAL ROYALTY



Their Royal Majesties

[King of Avacal](#)

Viki Vikingsson

[Queen of Avacal](#)

A'isha Rayhana al-Karim



Their Royal Highnesses

[Crown Prince](#)

Hrogan Gunthersson

[Crown Princess](#)

Astridr Arnbjarnardottir



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For further kingdom details, please visit Avacal.org the recognized website for The Kingdom of Avacal.





Awards

Ferret's Feast
April 5th, 2025
Shire of Valley Wold

ROBERT OF **E**ALDORMERE
DEFENDER OF SWORD

THOMAS **F**ERENCZ
DEFENDER OF RAPIER

GERTRUDE OF **K**EITH
DEFENDER OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Reported as listed on the Kingdom of Avacal OP as of May 7th, 2025

A Blast from the Past: Falconry, Breeding, and My First SCA Event



Thirty years ago, I got an unexpected call from my high school mentor—his falcon ranch needed an extra pair of hands for the breeding program. That morning, I found myself assisting in a rather unique process: holding a male peregrine falcon while his genetic material was collected (via syringe!) to artificially inseminate female falcons.

These birds were "imprinted," meaning their natural breeding instincts had been intentionally altered—a common practice in facilities that produce specialized hybrids for falconry. That day, we were attempting to create a saker-peregrine cross, but when the male saker falcon wasn't cooperative, we switched to the peregrine to avoid missing the female's ovulation window.

Long before I discovered the SCA, I was fortunate to complete a falconry apprenticeship. My time there included working at the breeding facility, giving educational presentations at schools, and even raising and hunting with my own bird. It was through one of these school programs that I received my first invitation to an SCA event—the Loch d'Or Grand Ithra in 1997. The last photo here shows Dante, my Harris's hawk, at that very event!



Images by Brian Walker

Now, decades later, I'm thrilled to bring a similar presentation to Avacal Tua. Some things truly do come full circle.

Yours in Service,
Lord Rowan Nabbanseax

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.



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. Please apply by June 30, 2025.

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.



AVACAL OFFICIAL EVENTS

AVACAL SPRING CORONATION

May 16th, 2025, at 12:00 PM to May 19th, 2025, at 1:00 PM
Benalto Agricultural Centre
Benalto, AB T0M 0H0
52°18'22.4"N 114°16'48.2"W
Event Steward: Li Xia

Gate Fees:

Adult	\$40 (\$30 with membership)
Youth (0-17 yrs)	Free

Come full circle to where we first started as a kingdom 10 years ago!

At the site of Avacal's first Crown and first Coronation, join us for an exciting weekend of 10th Anniversary celebration and coronation of our heirs, as well as combat, archery, classes, and more. We'll even have a feast!

Feast Steward: Arjun Singh

Feast Fees:

Adult	\$15
Youth (12-17 yrs)	\$15
Children (0-11 yrs)	\$15

See the one stop shop for all things Spring Coronation on our [website!](#)

Avacal
Coronation
Benalto A.B.
May 16-19 2025

AVACAL OFFICIAL EVENTS

MAY DAYS

May 23rd - 25th at 12:00PM
Grassy Lake Municipal Campground
310 Chapman Ave
Grassy Lake, AB T0K 0Z0
Event Steward: [Freydis Birthesdottir](#)

Gate Fees:

Adult	\$30 (\$20 with membership)
Youth (0-17 yrs)	FREE

With the thawing of the lands and the new growth blossoming, we gather our mighty archers and talented bards to herald in the spring! Come gather with our tiny shire and find our new defenders and spend time with great friends!



SILVERWOLF

June 14th, 2025
Warburg Community Hall and Ball Diamond
5335 50A Ave
Warburg, AB T0C 2T0
Event Steward: [Stryder of Borealis](#)
Co-Steward: [Iolar the Sinister](#)

Gate Fees:

Adult	\$35 (\$25 with membership)
Youth (0-17)	Free

On the 14th of June, their excellencies of the Barony of Borealis, Baron Aman and Baroness Sarah invite all to the bask in the Light To The North. On this day, not only shall our swords be sharpened, armour cleaned and mended, and bow strings waxed and readied, in anticipation of our championship tourneys, there will also be feasting!

Feast Steward: [Signe Smidja](#)

Come and enjoy our buffet style feast. Menu and registration will be coming shortly!

Feast Fees:

Adult	\$20
Youth (12-17)	\$20
Children (0-11)	Free



AVACAL OFFICIAL EVENTS

DRAGONSLAYER

July 18th – 20th, 2025

Site Address: TBA

Event Steward: TBA

Gate Fees: TBA

For further information
please contact the [Montengarde Seneschal](#).



Event Stewards and Teams!

Did you know you can include extra details in the Fluffy Flyer
that don't appear on the Kingdom Webpage?
Think feast menus, schedules, tournament specifics, and more!
For more information contact the [Kingdom Chronicler](#).

CANCELLED!

**AYRESGARDE
MIDSUMMER
MISCHIEF**

July 25th – 27, 2025



AVACAL 10TH ANNIVERSARY EXTRAVAGANZA

June 27th to July 6th, 2025

Quad War Site - 52°53'02.7"N 109°53'56.1"W Marsden, SK

Event Steward: Duke Kvigr Ivarsson

Event Website: [Avacal 10th Anniversary](#)

The Kingdom of Avacal is turning 10 years old and to celebrate we are combining two of our standard calendars weekend events with a mid week Anniversary event to make one big 10-day celebration of Avacal.

One of the oldest and most attended events Avacal is Quad War. It has been a destination location and event within Avacal for a very long time. With Myrgan Wood Summer Champions always the immediate weekend after Quad, it has given Avacal the opportunity to host a 10-day event for Avacal 10th Anniversary. We will be hosting visitors, teachers and Royals from all over the Knowne World to join our celebration.



Please join us over this 10-day event and participate in all that Avacal has to offer!

	NMS	Member
Adult <u>10 Day</u> Event Registration	\$110	(\$100)
Adult <u>Quad</u> 1st Weekend Registration	\$30	(\$40)
Adult <u>Week of Avacal</u> Registration	\$90	(\$100)
Adult <u>MWSC</u> 2nd Weekend Registration	\$30	(\$40)
Youth Registration (0-17)	\$0	(\$0)

AVACAL OFFICIAL EVENTS

TRI-BARONIAL CUP

August 1st – 4th, 2025

Site Address: TBA

Event Steward: TBA

Gate Fees: TBA

For further information
please contact [Myrgan Wood Seneschal](#)



VALLEY WAR

August 22nd – 24th, 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.

SEPTEMBER CROWN

August 29th – September 1st, 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!

Avacal Colouring Page





SOCIETY NEWS & EVENTS



KNOWN WORLD EVENTS

Virtual Known World Heraldic Scribal Symposium (KWHSS)

June 13th - 15th

Kingdom of Ealdormere

Event Steward: [Magistra Pompeia Rufina OL OP](#)



INTERKINGDOM WARS

DOUBLE WARS XXXVI May 23rd - June 1st, 2025

Kingdom of Drachenwald (Sweden)

ANTIR & WEST WAR XXXIX July 1st - 6th, 2025

Kingdom of AnTir (Oregon)

PENNSIC WAR LII July 25th - August 10th, 2025

Kingdom of Aethelmearc (Pennsylvania)

LILIES WAR XXXVII June 6th - 15th, 2025

Kingdom of Calontir (Missouri)

BATTLEMOOR July 2nd - 6th, 2025

Kingdom of the Outlands (Colorado)

GREAT WESTERN WAR November 4-10, 2025

Kingdom of Caid (California)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW PEERAGE ORDER NAMED

On April 12, 2025, the SCA Board of Directors approved the Order of the Mark as a new peerage for excellence in ranged combat, with a badge of nesting scale weights within a mascle fleury and regalia of white vambraces. Writs for three founding members per kingdom may be issued starting May 1st, with elevations permitted from June 7th. These Principals will form the Order's deliberative body for future inductions. Questions can be directed to seneschal@sca.org or president@sca.org. Let the celebrations begin!

IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF THE SOVEREIGNS OF THE KINGDOM OF ÆTHELMEARC

On April 22, 2025, the SCA Board of Directors voted to remove Timothy and Gabrielle Taylor as Sovereigns of Æthelmearc for disregarding a direct Board directive. Compliance with Board and Society rules is essential, particularly for leaders. The Kingdom Seneschal and Society Officers are assisting with next steps; more details will follow soon.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE - SOCIETY WEB MINISTER

The SCA Board of Directors has appointed Kevin Baun (Meister Melchior zum grauen Wolf, OP, OL) as the new Society Web Minister, effective July 1, 2025. A cybersecurity professional based in Baltimore, Baun brings technical expertise and a passion for service, with SCA interests ranging from rapier combat to historical cryptography. The Web Minister, reporting to the VP of IT, serves a three-year term.

APPLICATIONS OPEN - DEPUTY EXCHEQUER FOR NMR

The SCA is seeking a volunteer Deputy Exchequer for Non-Member Registration (NMR) to oversee NMR data, ensure accurate reporting, resolve discrepancies, and submit financial reports. The role requires 5-7 hours weekly, proficiency in Excel/Word, strong communication skills, and preferably exchequer experience. Apply with qualifications to exchequer@sca.org by May 31, 2025.

BOD MEETING SCHEDULE:

MID-QUARTER CONFERENCE CALLS	2025 QUARTERLY MEETINGS
Tuesday, May 27 th , 2025	July 12 th - 13 th , 2025 - VIRTUAL
Monday, June 23 rd , 2025	October 18 th - 19 th , 2025 - Live (Hybrid)

SOCIETY OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT: Bao Pham (Baron Baudoyne de Lafayette)

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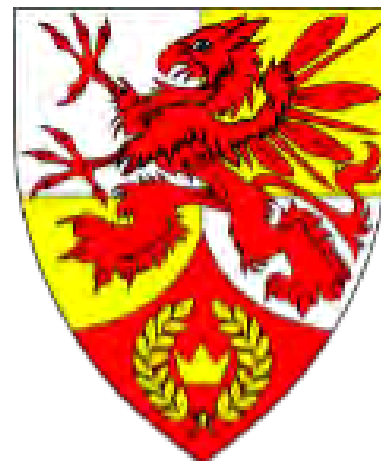
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