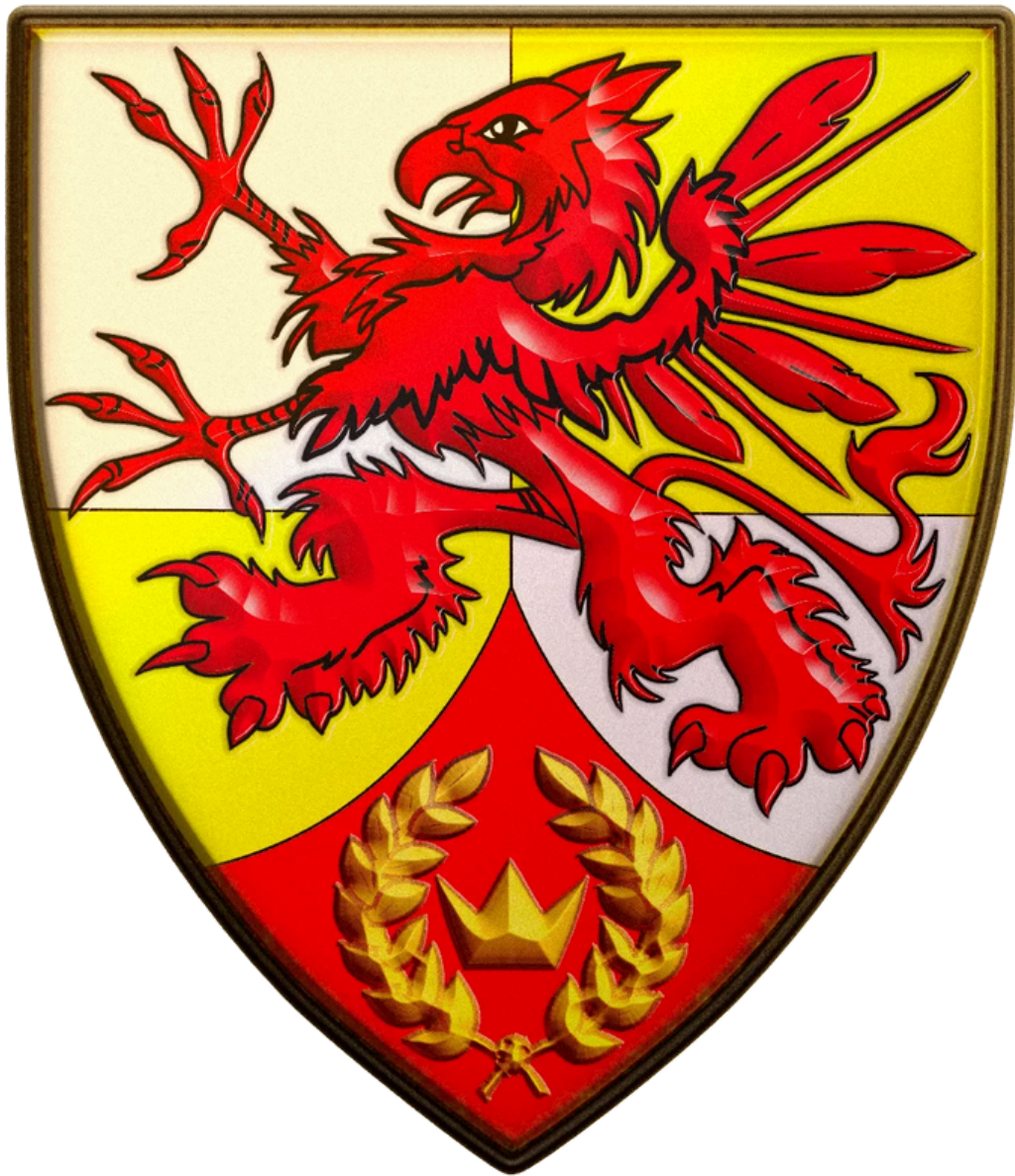


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Kingdom of Avacal's Official Newsletter

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THE ROYAL MISSIVE



reetings Avacal!

February brings snow and cold to Our lands and as We warm ourselves by a crackling fire Our thoughts turn to Our Crown tournament to choose this Kingdom's Heirs.

We would like to let everyone know that Crown will be a double elimination tournament with the finals fought best 2 out of 3. All approved weapon styles are allowed with one exception – all weapons must have a cutting edge. Weapons cannot be equipped only with a thrusting tip.

Letters of intent will be presented to the Queen in the processional leading up to the tournament. One letter of intent per fighting couple. Use your imagination, your Queen loves that....

Fighters and consorts must be present on the day of the tournament and for the duration of the event.

We also wish all Avacalian gentles to know that We will be attending Gulf Wars in March and would welcome any who are planning to travel and help wage war on the unsuspecting Kingdoms who stand before Us. If interested, please contact Our Head of Retinue.

Lastly, all Hail Prince Gann and Princess Maegwynn, Crown Prince and Princess of Ealdormere. It brings Us joy to see former Avacalians doing great deeds in far off lands. Although We usually prefer to travel for loot and plunder, We will be attending their Royal Highnesses Coronation in April. Should you be interested in visiting the land of the scarlet please reach out to Us or Our retinue team, so We are aware.

Thank you to everyone in the Kingdom who has helped Us with this Reign. We are indebted for your service.

Vik & Aisha
King & Queen Avacal



Their Royal Majesties Event Progress

Event	Date	Branch	HRM the King	HRM the Queen
Ursulmas	January 25 th	Aquaterra	Maybe	Yes
Winter Crown	February 14 th – 17 th	Montengarde	Yes	Yes
Skald the Hall	March 1 st	Myrgan Wood	Yes	Yes
Winter War	March 14 th – 16 th	Borealis	TBA	TBA
Ferret's Feast	April 11 th – 13 th	Valley Wold	TBA	TBA
Avacal Grand TUA	April 25 th – 27 th	TBA	TBA	TBA

Kingdom Champions

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Youth Champion	Emmett ap Malabar	
Champion of Bardic	Arjun Singh	Champion_of_bardic@avaca.Lorg





CHRONICLER'S DESK

Dear Avacal,

Happy February! As we continue our journey through winter, I want to remind everyone of our exciting Winter Crown event. The victor, and their inspiration will be our crowned at Spring Coronation where the Kingdom of Avacal's first King and Queen were crowned 10 years ago! We plan on attending both of these events and are hoping we will see many of you there as well.

This month, we encourage everyone to participate in our upcoming events. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or new to our community, there's something for everyone. Keep an eye out for announcements regarding special activities leading up to our anniversary celebrations!

Please remember our newsletter cut-off dates. The Avantgarde newsletter has a cut-off on the 1st of each month, while the Fluffy Flyer's is on the 10th. The former looks a month ahead, and the latter focuses on current month.

Additionally, if you have any stories, photos, or highlights from past events that you would like to share, please send them my way. We love showcasing the vibrant life of our kingdom and your contributions make a difference!

Thank you for being a part of our incredible community. Here's to a month filled with joy and camaraderie. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events!

Yours in service,

Lucrezia Iseppa Constantina di Arborea
Kingdom Chronicler





AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS



Callen of Sigelhundas	Sable Glove	December 7 th , 2024
Faye of Sigelhundas	Award of Arms	December 7 th , 2024
Callen of Sigelhundas	Defender of Rapier	December 7 th , 2024
Kaydance of Sigelhundas	Baronial Favor	December 7 th , 2024
Trahaearn of Sigelhundas	Baronial Favor	December 7 th , 2024
Sicillia Beaumont	Black Shield	December 14 th , 2024
Fen Everhart	Award of Arms	December 14 th , 2024
Stryder of Borealis	Award of Arms	December 14 th , 2024
Lucinda Knarrabrina	Winged Lynx	December 14 th , 2024
Bailey of Borealis	Rose	December 14 th , 2024
Catherine of the Rowen Tree	Pelican	December 14 th , 2024
Phillipe de Saint-Denis	Baronial Favor	December 14 th , 2024
Elina of York	Silverwolf	December 14 th , 2024
Fionnghuala ingen Chellaig	Silverwolf	December 14 th , 2024
Eibhlinn O'Dalaigh	Silverwolf	December 14 th , 2024
Bailey of Borealis	Champion of A&S	December 14 th , 2024
Stryder of Borealis	Champion of Bardic	December 14 th , 2024
Vesla of Avacal	Champion of Youth	December 14 th , 2024
Luciano Tiepolo	Cup of Borealis	December 14 th , 2024
Malabar Membro Spaccata	Golden Letter	December 14 th , 2024

As reported to the Avacal OP prior to publication



SCRIBAL COMPETITION WINNERS

FROM THE REIGN OF
JOHN WERNARSON & LADY BAILEY

Announcement prepared and
submitted by Countess Sadb, OL, OP

NAME	PLACEMENT
Castra D'Or, MoD	1 st Received
Saraswati man.Ikkam, OL	1 st from Midrealm – VA 1 st from Midrealm – 13 th Century
Salene of Borealis	1 st from Avacal – VA Laurel's Choice
Elina of York	Crown's Choice 1 st from Avacal – 13 th Century

To arrange delivery of your prize, please contact
[Countess Sadb](#), thank you!

Congratulations to our scribal winners! Huzzah!



KINGDOM OFFICER OPPORTUNITY

AVACAL KINGDOM EARL MARSHAL


The Kingdom Earl Marshal (KEM) plays a vital role in our kingdom, serving as a key officer who reports directly to the crown and their society counterpart. We are seeking a dedicated individual passionate about overseeing all combat activities across various disciplines, ensuring adherence to the rules of Avacal and prioritizing safety.

Key Responsibilities:

- Manage reports to society and maintain accurate records.
- Fill deputy positions to support combat-related events.
- Oversee the warranting of fighters and marshals.
- Ensure all combat activities are conducted safely and in accordance with kingdom rules.

Qualifications:

- Willingness to apply for the position as per standard procedure.
- Previous experience as a senior marshal or fighter is beneficial but not required.
- Ability to work collaboratively with a talented team and handle disputes respectfully.



As KEM, you will have the opportunity to shape the combat landscape of our kingdom and support a community of enthusiastic participants. If you are interested in contributing to the growth and safety of our combat activities, we encourage you to apply by sending an email to [Their Royal Majesties](#) and the [Kingdom Earl Marshal](#)



SOCIETY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



PEOPLE ON THE MOVE – DEPUTY SOCIETY MARSHAL FOR RAPIER

The Society Marshal has appointed Caitrin McCullough (Magistra Lilius de Cheryngton, OD) as the new Deputy Society Marshal for Rapier, effective December 1, 2024. McCullough will oversee matters related to Rapier and Cut & Thrust, focusing on safety, advising Kingdom Marshals, and ensuring compliance with Society Handbooks. With nearly 25 years of experience in the rapier community, she has held various roles, including East Kingdom Marshal of Fence from 2018 to 2022. Additionally, she is a Supervisory Logistics Management Specialist with a strong educational background in writing and management. Her leadership priorities include enhancing accessibility and inclusivity within the rapier community. For further details, you can read the full article [here](#).

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE – DEPUTY SOCIETY MARSHAL FOR EQUESTRIAN

The Society Marshal has appointed Dame Gesa Wellenstein (THL Gesa van Wellenstein) as the new Deputy Society Marshal for Equestrian Activities. In this role, she will oversee various SCA equestrian pursuits, including mounted combat, jousting, and skill at arms games. Dame Gesa, a child psychologist based in Pittsburgh, PA, also runs a non-profit for traumatized children and teaches psychology at a local college. Her commitment to humanitarian work, particularly with veterans and survivors of domestic violence, has earned her prestigious recognition within the Royal Order of the True Cross and the Royal Order of Constantine the Great & St. Helen. As a passionate equestrian and late-period jousting enthusiast, she aims to foster a supportive and inclusive environment within the cavalry community. Dame Gesa has already begun her duties and can be contacted at Equestrian@sca.org for inquiries. For more details, you can read the full article [here](#).

MEETING SUMMARY – SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALL DECEMBER 22, 2024

On December 22, 2024, the Society for Creative Anachronism Inc. (SCA) held a special Board of Directors conference call meeting. Key highlights included the approval of Kate Tingley's appeal against her suspension as Kingdom Seneschal of the Outlands, with the motion supported by several board members. Additionally, the Board directed the Society Seneschal to issue a letter of reprimand to Tingley and another reprimand to the Crown of the Outlands, Deric Kramer and Adrienne Sawyer. The Board emphasized the importance of collaboration among officers, Crowns, and Seneschals to ensure the populace's success and happiness. They encouraged all officers to reflect on a guiding principle stating that the primary duty of every officer, especially Crowns and Kingdom Seneschals, is to work together collaboratively for the well-being of the Society. For more information, you can read the full article [here](#).

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE – SOCIETY EXCHEQUER

The SCA Inc. Board of Directors has appointed Erin Potter Teehan (Countess Katalena Ivaniaia zhena Shishova, OP) as the new Society Exchequer, a position that reports to the Corporate Treasurer. With over 20 years of experience in bookkeeping and business management, Teehan has worked in various sectors, including manufacturing and higher education, and specializes in small business and non-profit bookkeeping with a focus on QuickBooks. She holds a BS in Education and a Master of Education from Kent State University. Teehan has been active in the SCA for more than two decades, serving at local, kingdom, and interkingdom levels, primarily in the exchequery, including roles as Kingdom Exchequer and Pennsic War Exchequer. In addition to her administrative work, she has a passion for fiber arts and costuming. The Society Exchequer is appointed for a three-year term. For further details, you can read the full article [here](#).

FEEDBACK REQUEST – POLICY ON CONDUCT

The Board of Directors of SCA, Inc. is seeking feedback on a proposed "Policy on Conduct" aimed at enhancing transparency regarding sanctions within the organization. This initiative follows discussions with members who expressed a desire for clearer rules and guidelines surrounding conduct and sanctions. The policy aims to balance the need for privacy with the public's right to understand the reasons for sanctions while protecting individuals from retaliation. It consolidates existing rules concerning behavior at SCA events, emphasizing adherence to governing documents, respectful interactions, and the safety and well-being of all participants. The policy outlines expectations for behavior, reporting mechanisms for violations, and the responsibilities of participants, especially regarding minors and animals. Members are encouraged to provide their comments by February 28, 2025, via email or mail. For more details, you can read the full article [here](#).

APPLICATIONS FOR SOCIETY WEBMINISTER OPEN

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is inviting candidates for the position of Society Webminister, aimed at individuals passionate about effective and accessible websites and communication. This role involves supervising and warranting kingdom webministers, overseeing kingdom websites for content and compliance, and assisting in the development of guidelines for local SCA group websites. The Society Webminister will also serve as a resource for web-related issues and maintain communication with kingdom webministers, reporting quarterly to the Manager of Information Technology and the Board of Directors. Ideal candidates should have experience as a webminister, knowledge of web technologies, proficiency in Microsoft Word, and strong communication skills. The position is appointed for a three-year term, and interested individuals should submit their résumés by February 28, 2025, to the specified email addresses. For more details, you can read the full article [here](#).

2025 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

January 25th – 26th Virtual
April 12th – 13th Hybrid
July 12th – 13th Virtual
October 18th – 19th Hybrid

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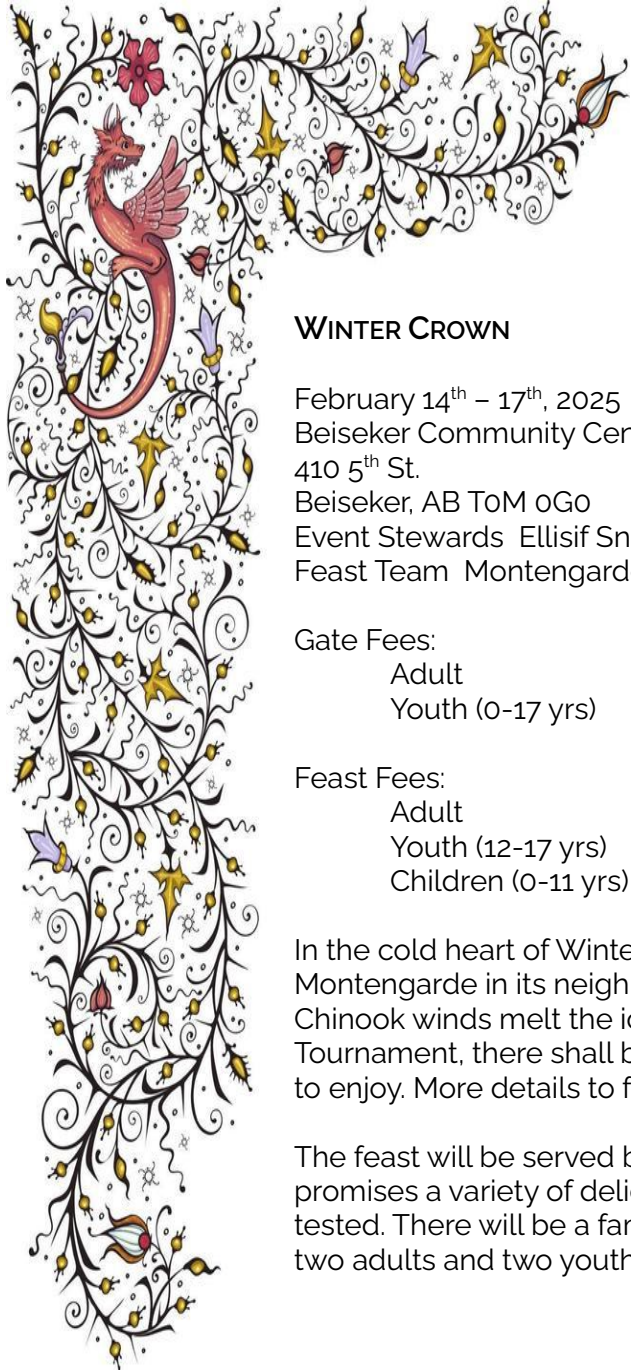
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AVACAL OFFICIAL EVENTS

WINTER CROWN

February 14th – 17th, 2025
Beiseker Community Centre
410 5th St.
Beiseker, AB T0M 0G0
Event Stewards Ellisif Snorraddottir & Kathryn inghean Ui Ailbhe
Feast Team Montengarde Culinary Group

Gate Fees:

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

Feast Fees:

Adult	\$25
Youth (12-17 yrs)	\$15
Children (0-11 yrs)	Free

In the cold heart of Winter, Avacal shall determine its heirs. Come join Montengarde in its neighbouring village of Beiseker and let the warm Chinook winds melt the ice and snow. In addition to the Crown Tournament, there shall be a feast, many fun tournaments, and classes to enjoy. More details to follow!

The feast will be served by Montengarde's Culinary Group and promises a variety of delicious, medieval dishes that will be tasted and tested. There will be a family cap for the feast of \$50 - to include up to two adults and two youth.

SKALD THE HALL

March 1st, 2025 10 AM to 11:45 PM
Sutherland Hall
1112 Central Ave
Saskatoon, SK S7N 2H1
Event Steward Conan of Myrgan Wood
Feast Steward Tofa Valadottir

Gate Fees:

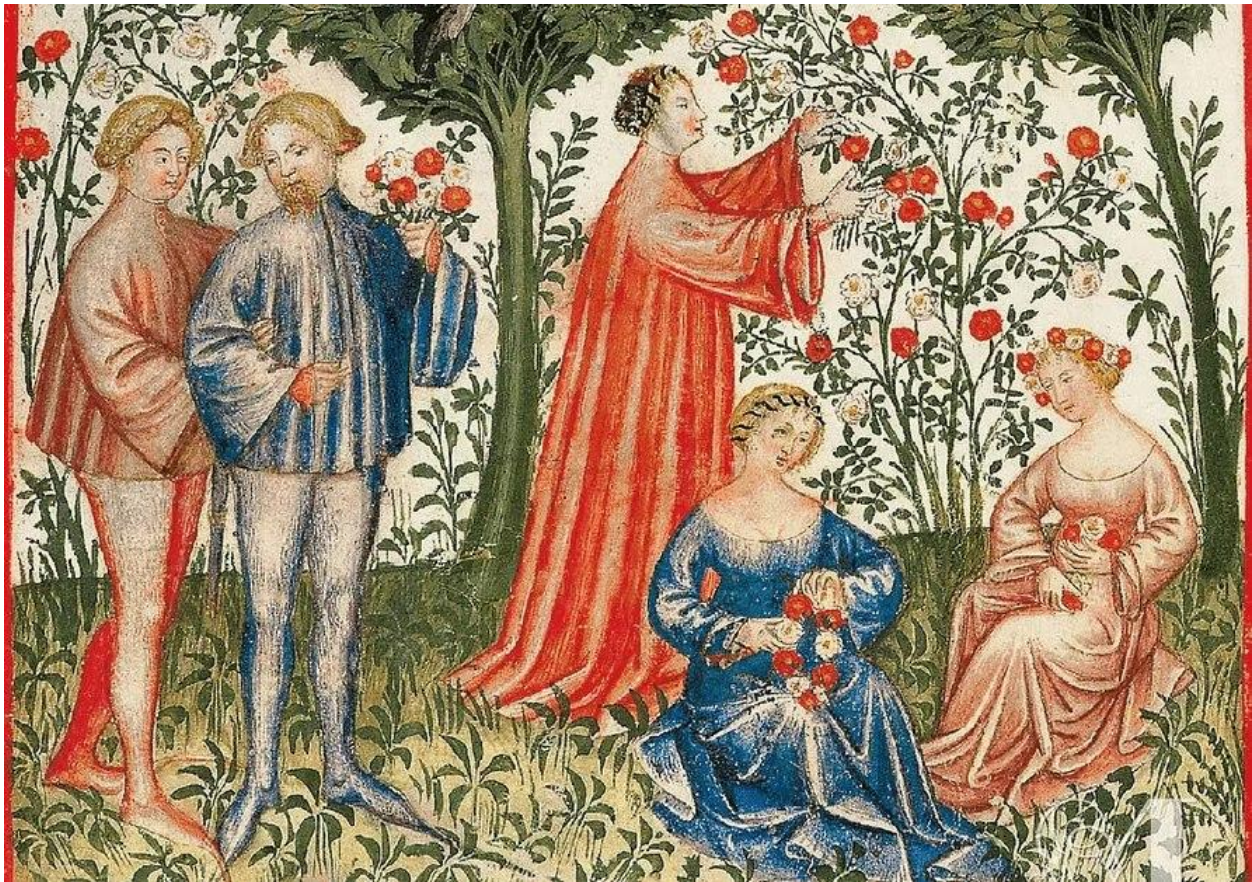
Adult	\$30 (\$20 with membership)
Youth (0-17 yrs)	FREE

Feast Fees:

Adult	\$20
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Myrgan Wood's Annual Skald the Hall event, 2025 edition! See our bardic championship, the LEGENDARY bard off, and enjoy a wonderful feast. More details as they happen.

Traditional Ukrainian! Details forthcoming, stay tuned for changes.



WINTER WAR

March 14th at 12:00 PM to March 16th, 2025, at 12:00 PM

Event Steward: Borealis.seneschal@avacal.org

Gate Fees: TBA

Information will be available about the event soon.



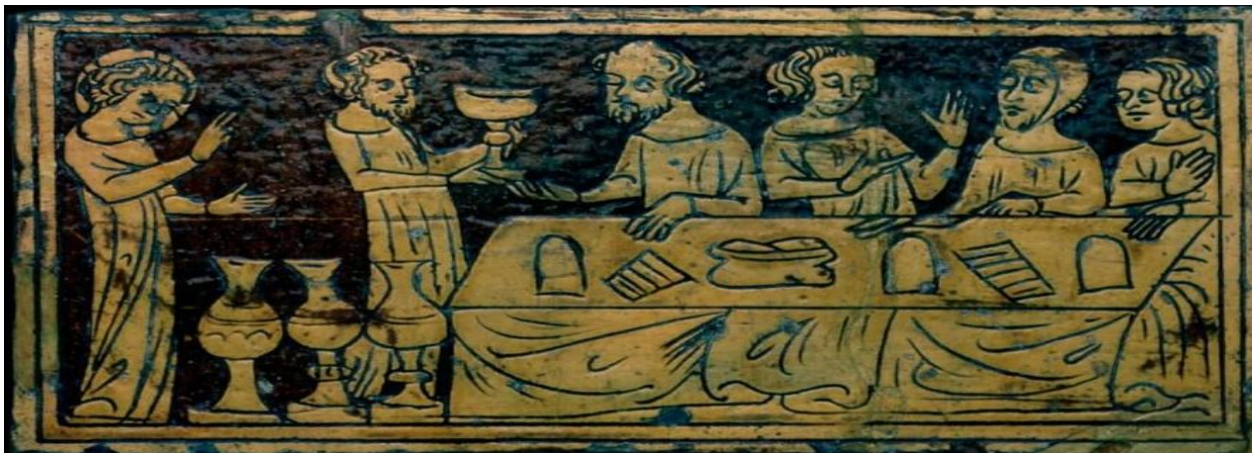
FERRET'S FEAST

April 11th at 12:00 PM to April 13th, 2025, at 12:00 PM

Event Steward: valleywold.seneschal@avacal.org

Gate Fees: TBA

Information will be available about the event soon.



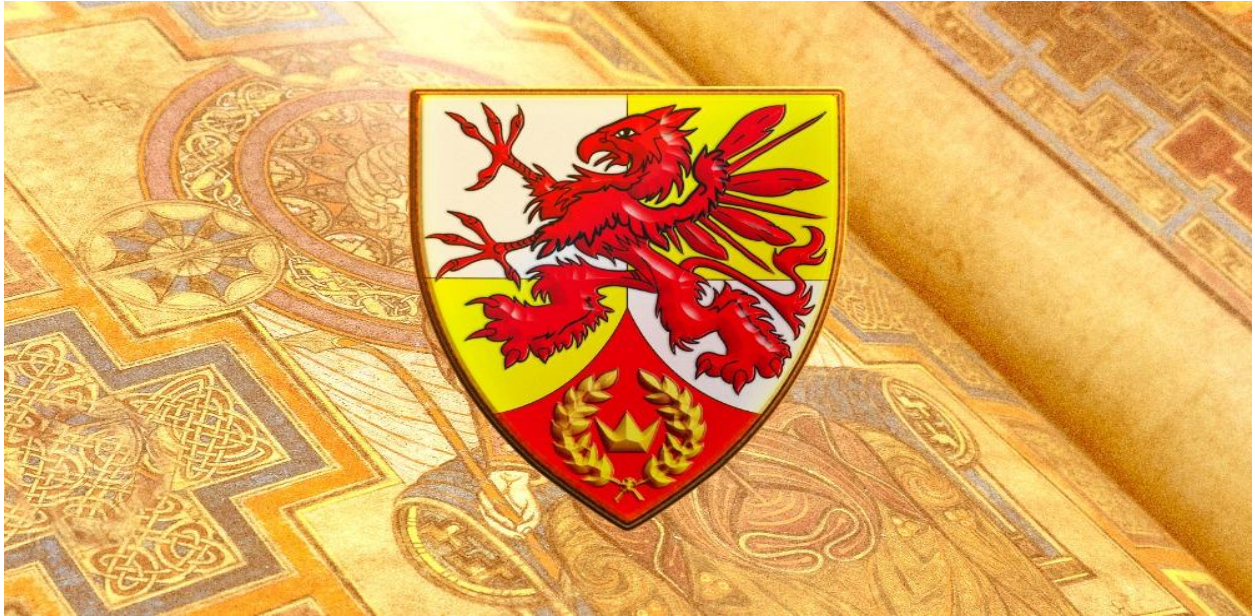
AVACAL GRAND TUA

April 25th at 12:00 PM to April 27th, 2025, at 12:00 PM

Event Steward: seneschal@avacal.org

Gate Fees: TBA

Information will be available about the event soon.



For the complete 2025 event listings, please visit the [Avacal Events Calendar](#), and to make inquiries, please contact [Gwen MacFergus](#), our Kingdom Calendar Officer.



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