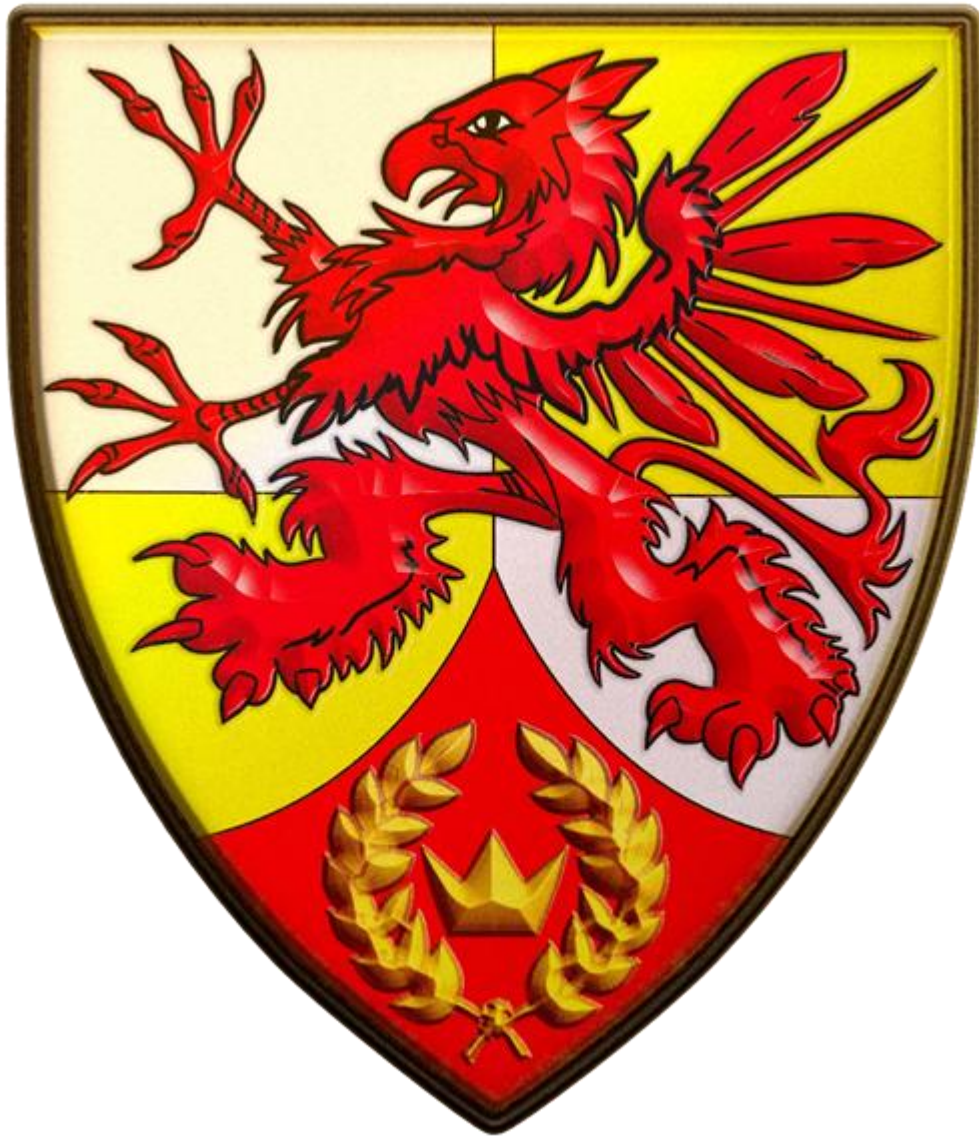


AVANTGARDE



Kingdom of Avacal's Official Newsletter

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THE ROYAL MISSIVE



reetings unto the Glorious Kingdom of Avacal!

As winter begins to send her icy fingers clawing and cold, We wish to thank all those who journeyed to the Eastern part of Avacal to attend Our Coronation and swear fealty. We trust a good time was had by all.

With snow on the ground Our Kingdom's thoughts turn to feasting and celebrating as the New Year brings promise of more events to attend. We hope to see everyone in the coming months as we visit Our great land.

Remember that this great game is meant to be fun and a break from the reality of daily activities. We want to encourage everyone to find what they like to do and get involved in a positive way. There are so many different facets to the jewel that is the SCA and we know there is a place for everyone.

Lastly, We wish to repeat what was said at Our Coronation Court – We know court can be a scary place if you are not used to it. We want Our courts to be welcoming, which is why you will see the Eagle staff, a symbol of unity, brought forth and displayed. If you are brought into court and unable to kneel, please remain standing. If you have questions, please see Ourselves or Our retinue. While a King and Queen are often busy, We want to make time for everyone who wishes to speak with Us.

We are here to help the kingdom in whatever way We can.

In service,

Vik & A'isha
King & Queen
Kingdom of Avacal



Photo by Mitchell Craig

Happy New Year's Avacal!

Their Royal Majesties Event Progress

Event	Date	Branch	HRM the King	HRM the Queen
12 th Night	January 18 th	Montengarde	Yes	Yes
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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Champion of Bardic	Arjun Singh	Champion_of_bardic@avaca.lorg





CHRONICLER'S DESK

Dear Avacal,

Wishing you all a wonderful start to the new year! I'm pleased to announce that we have a new addition to the Chroniclers office: Lord Njall Vader, our new Deputy Chronicler.

As we embark on this year, 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 ahead, and the latter focuses on current events.

This year is especially significant as we celebrate our kingdom's 10th anniversary! Exciting events and activities are planned to commemorate this milestone, and I look forward to sharing more details soon.

A reminder: the Chronicler's office can only publish events listed on the Avacal website's Kingdom Calendar. Please plan accordingly to ensure your events are included.

Here's to a year filled with exciting events and memorable experiences. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

In service,

Lucrezia Iseppa Constantina di Arborea
Kingdom Chronicler





BARONY OF MONTENGARDE CONFIDENCE POLLING

HEAR YE POPULOUS OF THE BARONY OF MONTENGARDE!

The time has come for the Confidence Polling of our Excellences HE Baron Refr Bjarnarson & HE Baroness Ádis Ulfsdóttir. All comments will be submitted directly to Their Majesties Vik Vikingsson and A'isha Rayhana al-Karim for review.

WHEN: Montengarde 12th Night Event, January 18th, 2025 - This will take place during the Montengarde 12th Night event, on January 18th, 2025. Paper forms will be available throughout the duration of the event for all members of the Barony who wish to make their comments know.



ONLINE: Submission Option: If you cannot fill out the form in person or wish to provide feedback ahead of time, The online submission form can be completed [here](#) , the form will go live January 5th, 2025 and remain available until midnight on January 18th, 2025. All submissions will be sent directly to Their Majesties ONLY for review.

So come out and let your voice be heard!

Sir Kiera,
Seneschal
Barony of Montengarde



KINGDOM ANNOUNCEMENTS



AWARDS

James Bucking
Thisbe Elysande la Blanchette
Edana Adamas

Sable Wing
Sable Wing
Sable Wing

November 30th, 2024
November 30th, 2024
November 30th, 2024

As reported to the Avacal OP prior to publication

SOCIETY COMMENDATIONS

Viscountess Morrigan Clubfoot, OL has received a commendation from Society for their time serving as the Minister for Arts & Sciences in Kingdom of Avacal.

NOVEMBER 2024 WINTER CORONATION CURIA NOTES

Please click [here](#) to download the November Curia Notes.



DON'T FORGET TO KEEP YOUR EYES OUT FOR
ALL THE KINGDOM 10TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS!

SANGUINARIS HERALD MISSIVE

Greetings,

I am Arwyn of Leicester, the new Sanguinaris (Kingdom) Herald in charge of heraldic activities in Avacal. I am delighted to share the following updates:

I want to thank HE Countess Sadb for leaving the College of Heraldry in my hands and for her help in the paperwork transition.

I am happy to announce HE Bjar the Blue as the new White Rabbit Herald responsible for tournament coordination. Bjar will be seeking people interested in field heraldry for our tournaments held at coronations, crowns, and TUA. Anyone interested in learning about this should contact HE.

I want to thank Bliath the Red for their heraldry service previously as White Rabbit and currently Protocol Herald.

I am pleased to introduce Elina of York as our Accessibility Herald (previously known as the Silent Herald). Elina will be coordinating efforts to enhance accessibility in our courts, including setups for wheelchair and walker access, as well as lighting, chairs, and benches for seating. TRM have already expressed their desire for everyone to feel comfortable in their presence during court. We look forward to the contributions Elina will make in this updated role, so please reach out to her if you would like to assist.

I would like to introduce Eirik of Two Ravens, who has taken over as the new White Wyvern Herald (Submissions). Look for him at 12th Night coordinating the heraldic submissions table.

We are actively seeking someone to help with the heraldry website. You do not need to be a herald to help. Please contact me at herald@avacal.org if you are interested.

Yours in service,

Dame Arwyn of Leicester, OP, OL
Sanguinaris Herald

(Edited by Avacal Chronicler with permission)





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](#)



AVACAL OFFICIAL EVENTS

MONTENGARDE 12TH NIGHT

January 18th, 2025, 8 AM to 11:45 PM
Delacour Community Hall
275194 TWP 254
Rocky View County, AB T1Z 0E6
Event Steward William Bennet
Feast Steward Ellias Silver

Gate Fees:

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

Feast Fees:

Adult	\$20
Youth (12-17 yrs)	\$20
Children (0-11 yrs)	\$10

Winter has settled in, and long nights are upon us.

Join Their Excellencies Refr and Adis in celebrating the coming of the new year. Come together and push back the dark and cold with revelry, comradery and joy.

The new champion of arts and sciences as well as champion of fencing will be decided. Come and witness, participate and support the entrants in their pursuits!

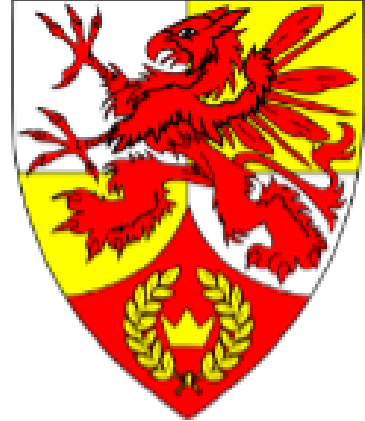
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For complete details, please see the Confidence Polling Article in this newsletter or click here for [online submission](#).

WINTER CROWN

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



Gate Fees:

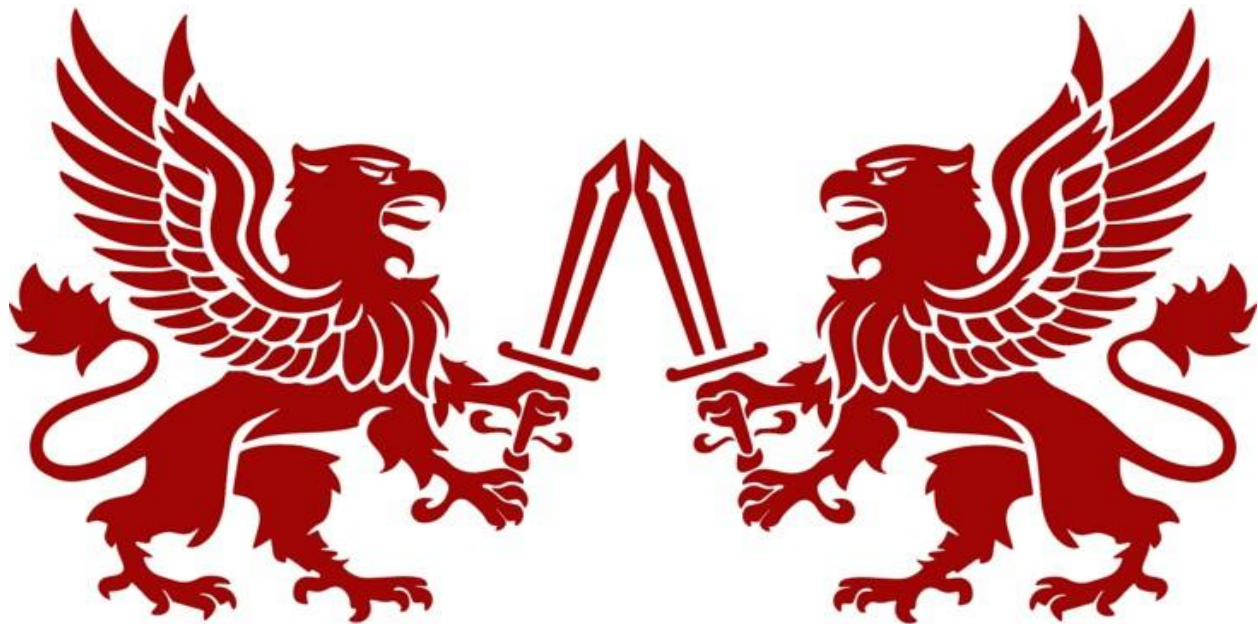
Adult	\$40 (\$30 with membership)
Youth (0-17 yrs)	Free

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:

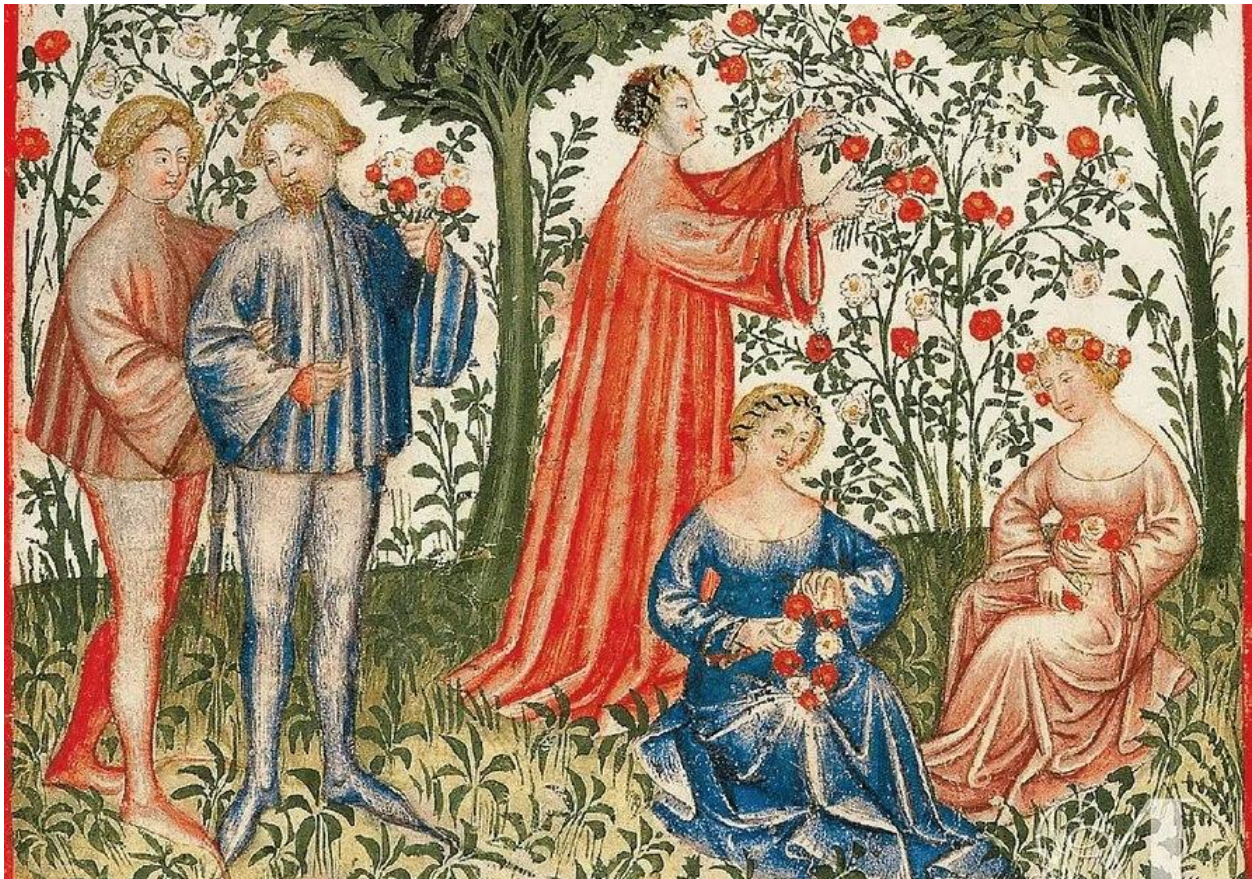
Adult	\$30 (\$20 with membership)
Youth (0-17 yrs)	FREE

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.





RIDDLE ME THIS

WHAT AM I?

1. I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish.
2. I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with the wind.
3. I can be cracked, made, told, and played.
4. The more you take, the more you leave behind.
5. I have a heart that doesn't beat, a home but no doors, and I can be broken but never held.
6. I can fly without wings. I can cry without eyes. Whenever I go, darkness flies.
7. I am not alive, but I can grow; I don't have lungs, but I need air; I don't have a mouth, but water kills me.
8. I have keys but open no locks. I have space but no room. You can enter, but you can't go outside.
9. I am taken from a mine and shut up in a wooden case, from which I may never escape.
10. I have rivers with no water, forests with no trees, and towns with no people.

Solutions:
1. A map; 2. An echo; 3. A joke; 4. Footsteps; 5. An artichoke;
6. A cloud; 7. Fire; 8. A key; 9. A keyboard; 10. A map



SOCIETY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



OCTOBER 2024 PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The most recent report from Bao Pham, SCA Inc. President, is now available.

This [report](#) contains the publishable summaries and commendation sections from each Corporate and Society Officers' reports. It also includes publishable summaries submitted by various Board committees.

The October 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting is available at the Society's YouTube channel [here](#).

Questions or comments regarding this report should be directed to Mr. Pham via email at president@sca.org. If you send comments, please use the subject line "President's Report October 2024". Comments are welcomed and strongly encouraged.

CALL FOR APPLICANTS FOR TOURNAMENTS ILLUMINATED EDITOR

The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. is looking for candidates for the part-time position of Editor for Tournaments Illuminated, which offers a three-year warranted term of service. The Editor will be responsible for producing the quarterly magazine, collaborating with the Art Director, authors, and a volunteer staff, while also managing relationships with content providers and overseeing a review panel. Key duties include developing engaging manuscripts, promoting the publication through various channels, and ensuring the magazine meets the diverse needs of its readership. Candidates should have strong communication and organizational skills, be familiar with SCA publications, and be paid members of the Society. Resumes should be submitted by December 31, 2024, to the provided email addresses. To read the full article, please click [here](#).

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE – DIRECTOR ELECT SEAT E

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce Kate Poore (Boiarynia Ekaterina Kirkovna Holopova, OP) as the Director-Elect for Seat E, taking over from Director Pug Bainter after the April 2025 quarterly meeting. A Recordkeeping Specialist for July Business Services in Longmont, CO, Kate has been involved with the SCA since childhood and enjoys activities like yoga and travel. Boiarynia Ekaterina, a 15th Century Russian noble, is dedicated to supporting friends and meeting new people. The Board continually seeks new directors, inviting SCA members to nominate candidates or themselves, regardless of experience. To read the full article, please click [here](#).

CALL FOR APPLICANTS FOR TOURNAMENTS ILLUMINATED EDITOR

The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. is currently seeking candidates for the part-time position of Editor for Tournaments Illuminated, which comes with a three-year warranted term of service. The Editor will oversee the publication of the quarterly magazine, working closely with the Art Director, authors, and a volunteer staff to produce content that meets the interests of TI readers and the wider SCA community. Responsibilities include developing manuscripts, managing a review panel, recruiting column contributors, and engaging with subscribers through various platforms. Candidates should possess strong communication and organizational skills, familiarity with SCA publications, and the ability to work independently. Interested applicants must be paid SCA members and should send their resumes to the provided email addresses by December 31, 2024. To read the full article, please click [here](#).

2025 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

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

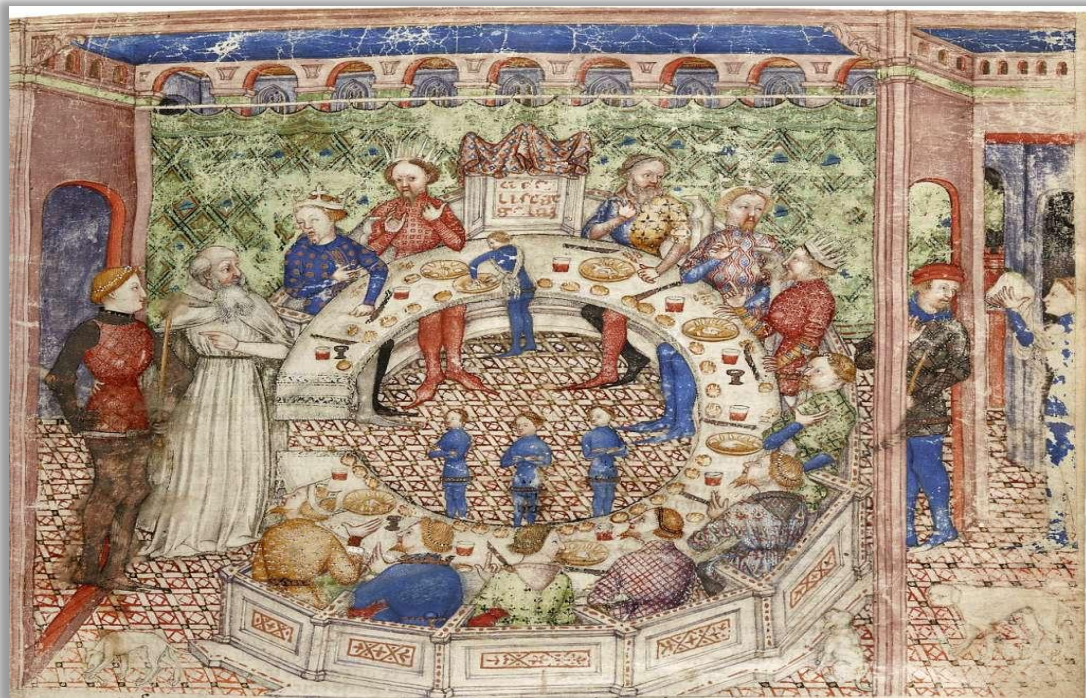
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