

# AVANTGARDE

KINGDOM OF AVACAL'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



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# KINGDOM AND COURT



**KING OF AVACAL**  
Vik Vikingsson

**QUEEN OF AVACAL**  
A'isha Rayhana al-Karim

## CHAMPIONS OF AVACAL

*(as of November 10, 2024)*

Champion of Sword	Hjalti inn Undarligr Vikingr
Champion of Arrow	Sylvie Tofadottir
Champion of Rapier	Gunther Rorikson
Champion of Arts & Science	Milpryp Weaver
Champion of Bardic	Arjun Singh
Champion of Youth	Emmett ap Malabar

# CHRONICLER'S DESK

Greetings Avacal,

I send you all the warmest wishes for a joyous holiday season. May this time of year bring you tranquility, reflection, and the opportunity to celebrate the connections that enrich our lives. As we embrace the spirit of generosity and togetherness, let us look forward to a new year filled with promise and potential.

Yours in Service

Lucrezia Iseppa Constantina di Arborea

Do you have an event or a story, news, recipe, or a research article that needs to be shared? The Avantgarde and The Fluffy Flyer have room for your submission! If you would like to submit content, please email [chronicler@avacal.org](mailto:chronicler@avacal.org) and include your SCA name with your submission. Please fill out the release forms located [here](#).

## ***THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF EVERY MONTH***

ROYAL PROGRESS				
Event	Date	Branch	King	Queen
Winter Coronation	November 15-17 <sup>th</sup>	Sigelhundas	Yes	Yes
Ayresgarde Christmas	November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ayresgarde	Yes	Yes
Krampus	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sigelhundas	Yes	Yes
Yule	December 14-15 <sup>th</sup>	Borealis	Yes	Yes
12 <sup>th</sup> Night	January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Montengarde	Yes	Yes
Ursalmas	January 25 <sup>th</sup>	AnTir	?	Yes
Winter Crown	February 14-17 <sup>th</sup>	Montengarde	Yes	Yes



# AVACAL OFFICIAL EVENT POSTINGS

## WINTER CORONATION

When November 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

Where Regina Performing Arts Centre, 1077 Angus Street, Regina, SK S4T 1Y4

Price \$40 (\$30 with membership); 17 and under free

Site Hours October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm to October 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

Feast Fees Adult \$25 Youth (12-17yrs) \$10 Children (0-11) \$0

Event Steward [Ella Baldric](#) & [Tófa Váladóttir](#)

Fair populace of Avacal, Sigelhundas invites you to come and bear witness to the Heirs of Avacal taking Their rightful place on the Thrones at Winter Coronation 2024! Join us for a feast for the senses and the stomach as we bid farewell to King John and Queen Bailey and watch as the next Royals of Avacal take up the crowns.

Come enjoy and explore a Scandinavian Feast as we bid farewell to Their Majesties John and Bailey and Celebrate the Heirs of Avacal as they take Their thrones!

## A VERY AYRESGARDE CHRISTMAS

When November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Where Girl Guide Hall, 1421 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South, Cranbrook, BC V1C 1C4

Price TBA

Site Hours November 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 11:00pm

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

Event Steward [Thisbe Elysande la Blanchette](#)

The annual Ayresgarde holiday affair is upon us! Prepare to be dazzled by our bardic and A&S defenderships, your tastebuds tantalized by our fabulous feast and of course all of the other mischief and mayhem one can expect from your favourite shire to the south.

A Spectacular festive array prepared by our very own [Sylve Leslie](#)!



## KRAMPUS HAS COME 2024

- When December 7, 2024  
Where Immanuel Anglican Church, 142 Massey Rd. Regina, SK S4S 4M9  
Price Adult \$25 (\$25 with membership); Adult Student \$20 (\$10 with membership); 17yrs and under free  
Site Hours December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 11:00pm  
Feast Fees Adult \$20 Adult Student \$10 Youth (12-17yrs) \$5 Children (0-11yrs) free

Event Stewards [Duchess Asney](#) & [Duke Ivar](#)

Krampusnacht was on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Let us celebrate how we all have evaded Krampus' evil talons! This fun-filled event is family friendly and should not be scary for children. There will be ample space for merchants and plenty of activities for those who wish to join in an evening of bardic entertainment during the feast.

All attendees **must** pre-register for feast tickets by December 1. A limited number of spare seats will be available on the day of the event if we have not reached our maximum ticket limit. We are happy to accommodate dietary restriction requests upon request through the feast registration process.



## YULE

- When December 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Where Alberta Avenue Community League, 9210 118 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5G 0N4  
Price \$30 (\$20 with membership); 17 and under free  
Site Hours December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to December 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm  
Feast Fees Adult \$20 Youth (12-17yrs) \$10 Children (0-11) \$0  
Events Stewards [M'lady Sarah Yakimets](#) & [Lord Taran Medredev](#)

Join Their Excellencies Borealis as they celebrate the Turning of the Season and the Return of the Sun, shining a light in the depths of Avacal's winter. Wear your best and brightest attire to be part of this spectacular event! Don't miss the opportunity to see and be seen at the Event of the Year, reveling at the Barony of Borealis' "A Very Landschneckt Yule." Indulge in a sumptuous dining experience at "The Best Wurst Feast Ever!"





## MONTENGARDE 12<sup>TH</sup> NIGHT

- When January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Where Delacour Community Hall, 275194 Township Road 254 Rocky View County, AB T1Z 0E6  
Price \$30 (\$20 with membership); 17 and under free  
Site Hours January 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 11:45 pm  
Feast Fees Adult \$20 Youth (12-17yrs) \$20 Children (0-11) \$0  
Event Steward [William Bennet](#)

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!



## Winter Crown

- When February 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Where Beiseker Community Centre, 410 5th Street, Beiseker, AB, T0M 0G0  
Price \$40 (\$30 with membership); 17 and under free  
Site Hours February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to February 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 pm  
Feast Fees Adult \$25 Youth (12-17yrs) \$15 Children (0-11) \$0  
Event Steward [Kathryn inghean Ui Ailbhe](#) & [Ellisif Snorradottir](#)

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.

# SOCIETY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND KNOWN WORLD EVENTS

## Proposed Changes to Corpora - Commentary Request

October 12, 2024 | SCA Communications

The Board of Directors is considering proposed changes to the Corpora and invites feedback from members and participants. Key updates include clarifications on confidentiality in communications with the Board, requirements for event participation, and stipulations regarding Society Officers' roles. Specific provisions address the revocation of awards and sanctions. These changes aim to enhance clarity and consistency within the existing rules. Corpora, including the By-Laws, can be found in its entirety [here](#). Comments should be sent to [SCA-Comments@sca.org](mailto:SCA-Comments@sca.org) by December 31, 2024, with the subject line "Clarifying Corpora." Please refrain from using attachments to avoid spam filtering.

Read the full article [here](#).

## Volunteer Wanted - Developer

October 15, 2024 | SCA Communications

The SCA Inc. is seeking a motivated volunteer to assist with the design, maintenance, and functionality of its application integrations, starting with the NeonCRM platform. This role offers a unique chance to gain experience in application development while contributing to the Society's capabilities. Key responsibilities include exploring software capabilities, scoping use cases, evaluating data requests, and supporting both Corporate and Kingdom needs. Qualifications include proficiency in web programming languages, JavaScript development, API integration, database management, and project management skills. This non-stipend position provides valuable experience and the opportunity to work with a supportive team. Interested candidates should submit their resume and a cover letter by January 10th, 2025, to [resumes@sca.org](mailto:resumes@sca.org).

Read the full article [here](#).

## Hurricane Relief Membership Extension

October 20, 2024 | SCA Communications

The Board of Directors understands the challenges faced by our members in the FEMA-identified postcodes impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. In response, we are providing an initial three-month membership extension to all affected members. This extension applies to both active memberships and those that lapsed in September 2024.

We will review the extension period in January 2025 to assess any further assistance needed. Our thoughts are with everyone affected, and we remain committed to supporting you during this time. Thank you for being part of our community.

## Call for Applicants - Society Minister of Arts and Sciences

November 4, 2024 | SCA Communications

The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. is looking for candidates for the volunteer position of Society Minister of Arts and Sciences, which has a three-year term of service. The role involves promoting the study of period culture and technology, coordinating kingdom officers, disseminating accurate information, and assisting in validating research for corporate publications. Responsibilities include monitoring kingdom MoAS efforts, acting as a resource for Arts and Sciences inquiries, approving Known World Event applications, ensuring Arts and Sciences needs are met, and providing quarterly reports to the Board of Directors. Applicants must be paid members of the Society, have access to communication tools, and be able to travel as needed. This position offers a chance to help preserve the Society's traditions and culture. Interested individuals should send their résumés to [resumes@sca.org](mailto:resumes@sca.org) by December 31, 2024.

Read the full article [here](#).

### Known World Newcomers' Symposium 2024

When: Saturday November 30th, 2024 - held on Zoom  
Hosted by: The Kingdom of Calontir

An online gathering for newcomers to the Society, there will be classes and networking opportunities for all members of the SCA, new and old alike. We are looking for teachers, so if you are interested, please fill out the class proposal form on the web site. The deadline for classes is September 1, 2024.

Click [here](#) for full event details and registration information.



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# KINGDOM OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES

## 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

## KINGDOM OFFICER DEPUTY OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in any of the following volunteer opportunities, please click on the linked team below to apply by email.

### Avacal Seneschal Team

- Family Activities Officer

### Avacal Arts & Science Team

- Deputy Arts & Science Minister

### Avacal Chatelaine Team

- Deputy Chatelaine

### Avacal Chronicler Team

- Deputy Chronicler

### Avacal Exchequer Team

- Deputy Exchequer
- Chamberlain

### Avacal College of Heralds Team

- Deputy Herald
- Silent Herald

### Avacal TUA Team

- Deputy Regent
- Northern Chancellor (AB)
- Southern Chancellor (AB)
- Eastern Chancellor (SK)



# KINGDOM OF AVACAL DIRECTORY

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# COLOURING CONTEST

Grab your art supplies and colour the baby griffon in a snow globe! Send a picture to the chronicler and you could win prizes! If you are a minor, make sure you have your parents permission to enter!

CATEGORY	PRIZE
Under 5 years	96 Box of Crayola Crayons
6-12 years	Crayola Ultimate Crayon Collection



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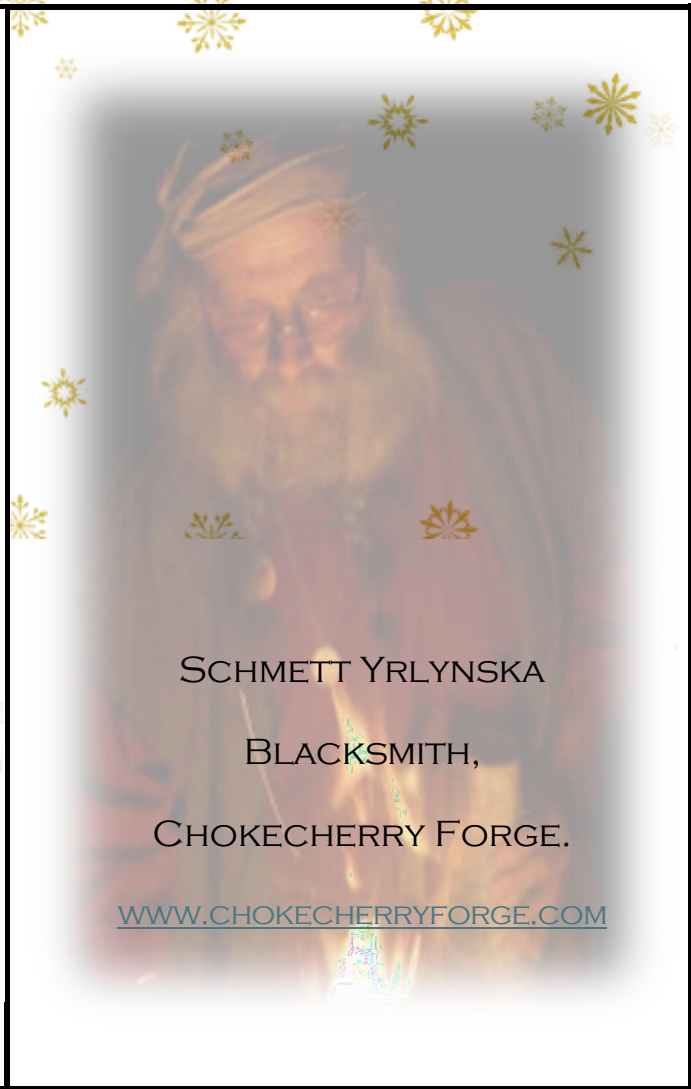
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