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In the Reign of Their Highnesses
Wernar Ivarsson & Tatiana the Outspoken



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- ❁ February Investiture A&S Classes
- ❁ Top 10 Reasons Why its Fun to the Principality A&S Champion
- ❁ Lots of New Event Copy!!
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- ❁ Selewine's Scribings Featuring Neegahnee

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From The Griffin Thrones:

Greeting unto the Populace of Avacal!

The Reign of Tyranny is coming to a close.

We would like to thank you, the people of Avacal, for your support in word and in deed. We are truly grateful for you and all you have done to make this an amazing experience. It has been Our honor and pleasure to serve as Prince and Khatun of the best Principality in the Known World!

Please join Us for the Investing of Our Heirs, His Excellency, Sir Steinn and Her Excellency, Donya Gemma on February 24.

Again, Our thanks and hope to see everyone out for Investiture.

Wernar and Tatiana
Prince and Khatun, Avacal

Tyranny



Picture by Beothuk

Royal Progress

Tatiana, Khatun: Estrella *tentative
February Investiture.

Prince Wernar: Estrella *tentative
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Montegarde Beltane April 28, 2007

Barony of Montegarde Calgary, AB

My Lords! My Ladies! Their most gracious Excellencies Beothuk of the Beothuks and Wilma the Still, invite you to celebrate the coming of spring. A time when restless Norse men and women leave in search of new trading allies. A time to feast on venison, spring berries and to drink the mead that has been aging all winter. Come one, come all to Montegarde's annual Beltane festivities. Test your strength in the Heavy tournament, hold your ground in the Rapier tournament or prove your accuracy in the Archery tournament. Come and join in on the festivities.

Merchants are welcome.

Contact Arnolt Brekswerd at: Montengardebeltane@gmail.com for setup and tear down times.

Schedule:

Archery Tournament: 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Calgary Archery Center (4855 47th Avenue SE)

The archery tournament will also be used for the annual archer's auction, which will be held at the Montegarde April Tavern if you wish to be auctioned off please contact montengardearchery@gmail.com

Rapier Championship Tournament: 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Heavy Tournament: 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Feast to begin at approx. 6 pm

Court to begin at approx. 8 pm until business is finished

Where:

Wildwood Community Center
379 Wildwood Drive SW

When:

April 28, 2007, Doors open at 10 am and hall closes at 12 pm
Enclosed flames only please

Cost:

Site \$7/ Adult, \$4/youth (12-16yrs), Littles are free
Feast Prepaid \$7 for Adult and Youths: Not prepaid \$9.00
Additional NMS of \$4 is in effect
Archery \$7 additional payable to the range
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Seneschal's Message

Salut à tout l'Avacal!

What has being an Officer meant to me?

- the opportunity to meet and get to know good people that I never would have otherwise. Some of these developed into close relationships.
- to be able to contribute to the growth and well-being of Avacal in a meaningful way.
- I liked knowing what's going on.
- the development of my communication and problem solving skills
- better understanding of issues relating to legalities, cultures between groups, people - all of which lends to some very interesting conversations! - developing a better understanding of Avacal as a sum of its total and sometimes extremely different parts - all of which are important and valuable
- realizing that the relationship between Principality and Kingdom is something to be treasured and nourished - even while looking to the further development of Avacal

Likely the biggest single thing that has been demonstrated repeatedly for me is that communication - in whichever form it can happen - is the key to success in almost any endeavour.

So, having looked at the list above, and knowing that while being an officer isn't always easy - it certainly had its rewards and I recommend that everyone try an office of some kind at some level. You might even surprise yourself and enjoy it. At the very least, you will have contributed to the game that you enjoy.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity.

Roxanne Delaroche
Seneschale d'Avacal

From the Principality Chronicler

Salome,

Two days from the expected completion of this edition, my 'magical' scribe lost its memory and has only recently had it replaced. In short, I apologize for the lateness of this issue and am very grateful to have my new scribe in working order!

This time of year for many beginnings— investiture brings new royalty and annual meetings bring new officers for instance. I look forward to working with those who have started new positions and will miss working with those who are leaving.

For those who still want to try something new this year, check out the summons for principality officers or talk to your local seneschal. Perhaps this is your month to try your hand at writing...the Avantgarde and Tournaments Illuminated are always looking for new submissions, or if you have more of an editorial mindset I would love to talk to you about being a deputy principality chronicler — it's really a lot of fun and not that hard. Talk to me at investiture or send me an e-mail.

And of course, I'm always happy to take new subscriptions to the Avantgarde— see p. 2 for all the details.

As always, if there's anything new you'd like to see in the chronicler, please let me know. I'd love to hear from you

Ever in service — al-Sayidah umm Bishr, principality chronicler
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Investiture Classes—Feb. 24, 2007 in Montengarde

Time	Class	Class
10-11am	Introduction to Medieval Spices – Peregrine Falconer, the Navigator	The Art of Courtly Love: Capellanus and Period Romance – Illyanth Ildanach
11-12am	"Courtesy and Etiquette; A Highwayman's guide to proper behaviour" - HL Dalton	Old English 101: Pronunciation and Introduction to the Literature: Lord Illyanth Ildanach
12-1pm	Hair, Hats and Accessories: Completing the Medieval Look" Lady Myrrhineh"	
1-2pm	1 st Court	1 st Court
2-3pm	"Tudor made easy: a cheater's way into late period garb"- Lady Myrrhineh	Spinning – Mistress Nan Compten
3-4pm	Witchcraft in the middle Ages – Mistress Nan Compten	Economical Elizabethan for Men - Peregrine Falconer, the Navigator

A variety of courses will be offered throughout the .To register for courses, please contact Myrrhineh at urbanghawazee@shaw.ca

Course Descriptions**The Art of Courtly Love; Capellanus and Period Romance. - Lord Illyanth Ildanach**

Description: An overview of the medieval writer Andreas Capellanus' work The Art of Courtly Love, and its principle tenants. A brief look at the piece itself and whether or not it ought to be taken as satire, followed by a discussion of what can be learned and applied in the SCA whether it is satire or not.

Length

Min/Max: 2-15 people

Cost: 1\$/person (photocopying costs)

"Courtesy and Etiquette; A Highwayman's guide to proper behaviour" - HL Dalton**Economical Elizabethan; Late Period – Lord Peregrine Falconer**

Description: The Elizabethan era was a high point for complexity and cost of attire, particularly for men. This course will look at ways to achieve the effect without mortgaging the estate. Some simple sewing ideas will be presented but the primary approach will be on finding existing garments (e.g. at Salvation Army and Value Village) that can be quickly and easily transformed into garb. Topics covered will include: undergarments, shoes, hose and legwear, doublets and jerkins, headwear, and of course accessories to complete the look. Although the main focus will be on men's Elizabethan, many of the points will apply to women's clothing and later Tudor periods as well.

Length (1hr) 3-4pm

No Maximum No Cost

**25th Silver Anniversary
Silver Arrow, April 20-22 2007****Bitter End
Red Deer, Alberta**

We would like to invite one and all to our Birthday Celebration , the 25th anniversary of this Shire, here in Bitter End. Our Silver Arrow tourney is well known. The Archery tournament will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will then be followed by heavy and rapier tourneys. What to shoot or fight for? A return to the tradition of the 1 oz of silver for the prizes. As well, one of our most famous feasts is planned.. The feastocrats, my parents, have returned, so for those that have missed the wonderful food that they put on, join us once again. You do not want to miss it. Pre registration for the feast is mandatory, information required, name (mundane and SCA), membership number, exp date, to be considered as reserved for all reservations.

The Site is Shady Nook Community Hall, and will open at 12:00 noon on the Friday April 20th and will close Sunday April 22nd 12:00 noon. There is no street address ,but directions are as follows:

From QE2 at Red Deer, head west onto HWY. 11 (not 11A) about 1 km to first set of lights. Turn left onto secondary Hwy. 596 and travel approx. 6km. Turn left onto Rg. Rd. and travel until you reach Armitage Feed lot turn right & travel for half a km. Hall is on your right hand side. Signs will be posted. {SCA signs}

Site fee is as follows:

Feast and Site- Members \$20.00
Nonmembers - \$24.00 . Day fee-
Members -\$10.00 and Nonmembers
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the ASCA Shire of Bitter End.

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Spring Champions March 24, 2007

Their Excellencies Dietrich and Helene with the entire Barony of Myrgan Wood invite everyone to join them in the choosing of the Champions of Rapier and Arts & Science as well as archery and armored competitions this March 24th AS XLI.

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Barony of Myrgan Wood Saskatoon, SK

Site info: Brian King Centre
202 8th Ave N Warman SK
(13 km north of Saskatoon). The event opens 9:00 a.m. and closes at midnight on Saturday, March 24th, 2007.

Site fee: 16+ is \$8; between the ages of 15 and 12 is \$4; under the age of 11 are free. Adults who are not members of the SCA will pay an additional \$4.

Feast fee: 16+ is \$15; between the ages of 15 and 12 is \$8; under the age of 11 are free.

Cheques are to be made out to SCA-Myrgan Wood.

Directions: Make your best route heading north out of Saskatoon on highway 11. Travel approximately 13 km to the town of Warman. Turn west/left into town on hwy 305/Central St. Turn north/right onto 8th Ave N. Hall is 1 1/2 blocks down on the west/right side.

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Hair, Hats and Accessories: Completing the Medieval Look - Lady Myrrhineh

You spend hours on making your garb beautiful, but when it comes to hats and hairstyles, you are at a loss as to how to complete your outfit. This course will provide a survey of various styles of hats or headwear, make-up, jewellery and hairstyles for men and women. Students with specific requests for periods and regions may contact the instructor prior to February 15th
Min/Max: 2/12
Fee: \$2 for photocopying

Season to Taste; Spices and Other Seasonings in Period – Lord Peregrine Falconer

Description: The Medieval and Renaissance periods saw dramatic increases in the number and use of seasonings. This class will look at an overview of the spices, herbs, and other seasonings available and how they were used. The interaction of seasonings and culture, particularly the impact of the spice trade on travel, will be discussed. Samples of some more unusual ingredients will be available for tasting.

Length (1hr) 10-11

No Maximum

No Cost

Old English 101: Pronunciation and Introduction to the Literature- Lord Illyanth Ildanach

Brief description: This will be a course on pronouncing Old English and taking a look at the texts available to us for studying this fascinating Germanic ancestor language of our fair tongue. Main focus will be on pronunciation through interesting vocabulary.

Length: 1hr.

Min/Max: 1-15 people.

Cost: 1\$/person (photocopying costs)

Spinning – Mistress Nan Compten

Tudor Made Easy: A Cheater's Guide into Late Period Garb- Lady Myrrhineh

Have you ever wanted to make Tudor garb and not known where to start? This course is meant to provide an introduction to Tudor clothing. Pleating techniques, corsets, farthingales (hoop skirts) fabric selection, patterns, and headwear will be discussed.

Min/Max: 2/12

Fee: \$2 for photocopying

Witchcraft in the Middle Ages – Mistress Nan Compten

Hooyay for the Great Banner Displays
at Recent Events!!
Have Your Hung Your Banner Lately?

Call for Largesse

Their Royal Majesties would be grateful and honored to receive contributions of largesse from the people of An Tir during Their reign. Please consider contributing items that would be appropriate for a viking-era reign, although late period items are welcome! If you have any questions about what might make good largesse, please ask.

Ideas may include:

- handmade yarn, felt items, wool trim, and other textiles
- wooden tools, wooden toys, handcarved wood items
- small metal and wood boxes that look early period
- napkins or other table linens in their colors (blue, black, gold, silver) that are made from natural fibers
- handmade lampwork beads
- early period toys, games, children's activities
- large bags and pouches made from natural materials
- tassels and other ornaments that can be used to decorate largesse (please use natural-looking yarns or thread)
- pottery
- metal work, such as forged eating ware, small hooks, etc.

Please avoid:

- potpourri, candles, or other scented items
- cordials, homebrew or homemade wine (largesse that is food really should be commercially produced and packaged - please ask regarding special circumstances)
- anything especially fragile, very large, or that requires special handling
- anything that can leak (these items can damage other items)
- used items

Thank you for your consideration. Their Royal Majesties appreciate the time, effort, and creativity that goes into making largesse, and will be very proud to gift these items during Their reign. Please note that the contributor's SCA name and branch is needed on every item that we receive - we want to make sure that people get thanked for their contributions, and it is important that the items be labeled when they are gifted during the reign to demonstrate the talent and generosity of the people of An Tir.

Please contact me if you would like to make a largesse donation and I will put you in contact with our largesse coordinator.

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An Tir Royal Chamberlain
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Editor's Note: Don't forget Largesse for the Prince and Princess!—umm Bishr

Feast of the Evergreens March 17, 2007

Shire of Bordergate
Cold Lake, AB



Site opens 12 noon and closes 12 midnight.

Location is 742 Wing Association,
5319 48 Ave, Cold Lake AB;
across the street from A&W.
Please follow the signs.

We invite one and all to come participate. There will be the games competition to determine the new Feast of the Evergreens Champion. Lord Tomas will also be hosting the Alvarez Cup again this year and there will be a new Shire Rapier Champion chosen.

Site fee is \$5.00 for 5 yrs to adult
Feast is \$15.00 12 to Adult
\$7.50 for 5 yrs to 11 yrs

There is also a non-member fee of \$4.00 per person for all non-members of the SCA.

Reservations close on March 1, 2007. Please make cheques payable to CSCA Canton of the Lakelands.
PLEASE NO OUTSIDE DRINKS

For more info or reservations please contact Autocrat Wentiliana (Wanda Edel) at
Box 711 Cold Lake AB T9M 1P2
1-780-594-3629
or email yandw@telusplanet.net

**MERCHANTS WELCOME
(NO FEE)**

Avacal War Practice March 9 -11, 2007

March 9 -11, 2007 Site opens Friday at 5pm and closes Sunday at noon.

Join us in a nice indoor hall to run through battle scenarios and strategies, and then put that practice to work. Then relax for a great evening of socializing. The event has the same set up as in previous years – food is included with the site fee and crash space is in the hall.

Location: Recreation center, Alsask, Saskatchewan (no postal code)

Directions: Find your best route to Alsask on Saskatchewan Highway 7, about 2 miles East of the Alberta Border. This highway is known as Highway 9 on the Alberta side. Turn towards the Town of Alsask (south - Highway 44). Go approximately 1 mile, and turn right into what looks like an old Airforce Base. The turnoff is on top of the first hill. Turn right at the T-intersection, and left immediately after that. You should be at the Alsask Villa Rec Center.

Cost: \$20/person

Food: Pots of soup, chili and stew, with bread. We hope to make enough to last the entire event for everyone so please let the autocrat know you're planning to attend. People may also bring some of their own food, or be prepared to buy food in restaurants or in local Grocery stores. There is a kitchen on site.

Shire of Rhuddglyn Medicine Hat AB

There is reportedly a great burger place in the Town of Marengo, 15 minutes east. The Hotel and Liquor store in Alsask has closed down but there is a grocery store in town. Remember to stock up in Oyen.

Lodging: There is space in the hall for up to 75 people to sleep. Again, bring your own beds and bedding, it is general camping on a cement floor. The hotel has closed in Alsask and the closest option for light sleepers would be Oyen.

Cleanliness: There are men's and ladies' showers. There will be a mandatory 1 shower per day for each person staying at the hall. (this is for everyone else's well-being)

Activities: Official War stuff will happen on the Saturday around noon.

Autocrat: Please call or email [Manyra](#) if you plan to attend so we know how much food to make. Cell 403-581-1539 (leave message). Mailing address: Box 147 Hays, AB T0K 1B0

Selewine's Scribings

Populace Persona Piece—Featuring Neegahnee



Neegahnee—Picture by Beothuk

The day is crisp and cold; fall colours festoon the trees around me as I disembark from the canoe that has brought me so far to this place. I have come to meet with the Odawa trader Neegahnee here at Bawating, the “Place of the Rapids” at the place where the modern day Lake Superior joins together with Lake Huron. This is a rare opportunity for me as travel to the New World is unusual and difficult. The village is small but very busy and the wigwams show this to be one of the more permanent homes for this basically nomadic people. I can only remain a short time as winter is fast approaching but I hope to learn more of this man and his people before I travel home.

I am greeted graciously by my host and invited within his home. His appearance is to my eyes unusual but I recognise that he has dressed in his best finery and I am honoured by the import he gives to our meeting. The finely tanned leather of his shirt is

beautifully decorated with brightly coloured porcupine quills and painted designs. His face is intricately painted and his hair stands straight up in a line running down the centre of his head from forehead to nape. Brightly coloured feathers decorate his clothing, although if there is a pattern there I cannot recognise it. The copper jewellery he wears glitters brightly in the autumn sunlight.

Neegahnee has just recently returned from a very successful trading trip and is now settling in for the winter. He shows me some of his trade goods as he is already building stock for his next trip in the spring. Raw copper and copper jewellery, slabs of birch bark and some dried herbs for medicines are already gathered and he will add tanned hides as well as the furs he traps in the coming winter along with maple sugar and ingredients for the bright colours he uses to paint his face. The dried corn has been gathered and is stored for his next trip as well. It is quite likely that he will be able to lay in a stock of tobacco before he travels next as the French will meet with him in the spring. Everything he trades must be able to compact into small spaces as he does almost all of his travel for trade by canoe, the making of which is one of his people's claims to renown.

The wigwan is warm; a central fire pit provides both heat and cooking facility. Smoke escapes through a hole in the roof; limited light is let in through the hide covering the door or from the fire itself. The wigwan itself is round with a frame of bent saplings and covered by woven mats of what appear to be reeds. Easily constructed and made using only local materials it provides a semi permanent shelter through the winter and can be easily abandoned when the tribe moves on in the summer. There are mats along the edges of the wigwan, which are used for sleeping on and there are warm-looking robes made of woven rabbit skins on the mats. The cooking utensils are wood or birch bark and many are finely decorated. Feathers, quills, paint, animal fur and a few glass beads are all used as

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decorations. I was fascinated by the soup that was prepared and served as it was cooked in a bark container. All of the ingredients were placed in the container and then hot stones taken from the fire pit were added until the soup boiled. We ate out of carved wooden bowls using very large carved spoons. I did not recognise many of the ingredients used but the food was tasty and hot, both good things on this chilly day.

Our conversation was far ranging and I learned that this winter camp was one returned to every year because the hunting was good and there were many travellers along the river. Neegahnee travels a great deal, usually by birch bark canoe in the spring and summer but in the winter all travel is on foot using home-made snowshoes because the snow is quite deep in winter. The traditions of his people teach that the Odawa emigrated to where they now live from the east coast after being warned by their elders of a disturbance and strange people coming from over the sea. The new territory was good for his people and they have prospered here. There are none alive who remember the travels that brought him here but the stories remain, passed down through many generations.

I learn that there are very specific gender roles in the Odawa: men hunt, fish and trap during the winter and trade during the summers. Women do some gardening, growing mostly squash, beans and some corn. They are responsible for all of the cooking and food preservation. Berries and cattails are harvested in season, and the tribe will often move and return to the same berry growing areas year after year. Some of these places are much more important than just food gathering, often being located near rivers and streams which allows profitable trade with the French, who are always travelling.

Meat, as well as many of the berries and nuts harvested by the women, is dried, smoked or pounded into pemmican, a mixture of meat, fat and berries that keeps extremely well and provides a staple food for travel. Moose, deer, rabbit and assorted fowl are the primary meats eaten by Neegahnee and his people with large amounts of whitefish or sturgeon used to supplement the meat items. On great ceremonial occasions a dog will be sacrificed and cooked as a special sign of esteem. Dogs are not pets for the Odawa; they are working animals and serve as beasts of burden and guard animals, and, rarely, festive food.

I give Neegahnee a small gift of brightly coloured glass beads and prepare to depart. The return trip is long and I cannot stay any later in the season if I wish to avoid frozen rivers and the deep cold and snows of winter. I leave his home with the gift of a rabbit skin blanket and his warm wishes, both of us feeling we have come out ahead in the arrangement, a very successful end to any trading venture.

—Submitted by - HL Brother Selewine

(mka: Lance Blades)

"If you want your name to be one of the next

to fill this space then send your persona information to brother-selwynn@shaw.ca"

Avacal February Investiture February 24, 2007

Their Highnesses Wernar and Tatiana invite you to join them to witness the investiture of Their heirs, Steinn and Gemma.

Come and witness the choosing of the new Avacal Arts and Sciences champion. Many of our greatest artisans will have their amazing creations on display.

The new Avacal rapier champion will be determined by martial combat. Witness the grace and skill, or take part if you are so inclined.

Many more events will fill the day, check website (avacal.antir.sca.org) for the schedule and details.

Please, bring your banners to decorate the walls.

Barony of Montengarde Calgary AB

Site fee: \$6
Feast cost: \$10
\$4 NMS will be charged for non-members
Make cheques payable to MSCA.

Site open: 9 am till midnight

Autocrat: William Bennet (Mark Unger)
1421 27 Street SW,
Calgary, AB, T3C 1L4
403.837.2614
william_bennet@telus.net

Site Info:
Calgary Marlborough Community Hall
636 Marlborough Way NE,
Calgary, AB, T2A 2V9

Directions to Site:
From Deerfoot Trail (QE2)
head EAST on Memorial Drive.
Turn LEFT (north) on
Marlborough Way.
(this is your first left after the mall)
The hall is on your right hand side.



AVACAL CALENDAR

February		
2-4	Winter War *	Borealis
17	Estrella (* tentative)	
23-25	Avacal Investiture *	Montengarde
March		
3	Kingdom A&S	Mountain Edge
3	War Practice	Ruddglyn
17	Feast of the Evergreens	Border Gate
April		
20-22	Silver Arrow	Bitter End
28	Beltane	Montengarde
May		
4-5	Pillage Practice & Spring Tea	Sigelhundas

*Bold = event information has been submitted. * - Royalty Attending*

Calendar Policy: Autocrats MUST submit *Date Reservation* and *Event Information* forms to Kalends (see officer listings) before an event is officially reserved or put on Calendar. Forms available from your Seneschal or the Kalends officer. On-line forms which may be filled out electronically can be found on the Avacal webpage, under Officers/Seneschal/Forms.

All event copies for the Crier, Avantgarde, and Avacal Webpage have to go through the Calendar Officer. Make sure to note if you do not want the event copy in the Crier. The Avantgarde and webmasters do accept longer/fancier versions of the event flyers but **it still must be sent through the Calendar**. Please have the event information form (with appropriate signatures) and event copy to the Calendar Officer by the **15th of the month**, 2 months prior to the event. (i.e. If your event is January 22, have event copy in by November 15th).

Please include the following as required by the Crier:

- Date of event (day and month and year)
- Time of event (when site opens and closes)
- Name of sponsoring group
- Location (name, street address, and town) of the site. The postal code should also be included if available. If there is no street address, this must be noted in the copy.
- Name (society and modern) and mail address of the autocrat; email address or phone number are discretionary but are very helpful. (I find it useful to include the feastocrat as well)
- If there is a fee for the event, the statement "make cheques payable to <Group>" must be included.
- Official SCA Event Title
- Modern Location (town/city)

The event copy can be a maximum of 300 words for branch or baronial events, 350 for Principality events.

Top 10 Reasons Why it's Fun To Be the Principality Arts and Sciences Champion

10. People "oooh" and "ahhh" over your work.
9. People look to you for advice for their projects.
8. You get to wear a fancy baldric and a big medallion.
7. Other A&S types become your best friends and give you much encouragement.
6. You get to sit near (or even at!) the head table at Principality feasts.
5. You don't have to pay site fee at Principality events.
4. The Champion's cape looks impressive and gives an extra layer of warmth.
3. You get asked to help with other A&S events.
2. You get to stand up in court for a great behind-the-thrones view.

And the number one reason why it's fun to be the champion:

1. You get to organize the competition to choose your successor!

Submitted by HL Coryn of the Woods (Corry VanderZee), A&S Champion of Avacal

Interesting Links (no, not chainmail...)

If you need to contact an officer, a champion, or any of the Royalty of our Principality you will find their email addresses listed there. Not only that, but there's a calendar and event copy there as well. And links to useful resources, like online report forms for officers, documents like the Principality and Kingdom Law, rules for combat and for entering A&S competitions. And so much more! So if you need to find out who, what, where, why or when in Avacal, go to:

www.avacal.antir.sca.org

— submitted by Raoul Delaroche
Avacal Web Minister

WANTED—AVACAL ARTS & SCIENCES OFFICER

Slainte Avacal,

I have currently taken on the position of Avacal Arts & Sciences Officer (interim). The position of Avacal Arts & Sciences Officer is still open to those interested in the position.

What is the job description of Arts and Sciences Officer? I am so glad you asked. The officer of Arts & Sciences shall:

- 1) Report at Avacal curia held at both Coronets and Investitures.
- 2) Collect quarterly reports from all Shires and Baronies. You will then compile the information and submit quarterly reports to the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences.
- 3) Maintain a file of all reports sent and received as well as any surveys, local resources, etc.
- 4) Help the Avacal Champion of A&S hold and promote the Championship held at February Investiture.
- 5) Encourage the Arts and Sciences by:
 - a) being aware of local A&S activities, both formal group (like guilds or practices), and individual research and craftsmanship.
 - b) act as a resource and referral service for persons looking for "experts" or information. Being familiar with other resources available in the vicinity.
 - c) encourage people doing research or perfecting a skill to share their knowledge.
 - d) suggest or sponsor A&S competitions, displays and demo's at local events.
 - e) discover what subjects your group is interested in, help organize and publicize classes and by having the schedule printed in the local newsletter. (This can be accomplished by working the THUA)
 - f) Work with the other officers in your group to make sure all A&S needs are met.
 - g) recommend deserving people for awards, both local and kingdom.
 - h) appoint deputies as needed to help with the above.

If you are interested in applying for the position of Avacal Arts and Sciences Officer, please send both mundane and SCA resumes to Their Highnesses (avacal-prince (at) antir.sca.org, avacal-princess (at) antir.sca.org), Their Excellencies (avacal-tanist (at) antir.sca.org, avacal-tanista (at) antir.sca.org), Mistress Roxanne (avacal-seneschal (at) antir.sca.org), Mistress Manyra (kalawton (at) codexpublishing.ca) as well as to myself.

If you would like more information before you apply, please do not hesitate to contact me at vfoster (at) xplornet (dot) com or 780-354-3803. No calls after 10:00 p.m. please.

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Avacal Arts & Sciences Officer (interim)

Royal Summons for Principality Officers:

The following positions are open to anyone in the SCA who currently resides in the Principality of Avacal. If you would like more information regarding this position please contact the incumbent or your local officer. If you are interested in applying for any of the following positions, **please submit a letter of intent along with a copy of your resume containing both SCA and mundane experience to Prince, Princess, Heirs and Principality Seneschal and the current officer.** Contact information is listed at the back of the Avantgarde.

**** Anyone interested in becoming a deputy may contact the Officer of the position of interest. The help is always welcome****

High Regent THUA: Their Highnesses' University of Avacal is an extension of the Sovereign and Consort of Avacal, the Coronet, and has as its responsibility the fostering and development of Medieval and Renaissance research and the sharing of knowledge in Avacal. The High Regent is a warranted officer and oversees all aspects of the administration of the University. Specific responsibilities include the following:

- The advisement of the Coronet in the selection of Chancellors and other Deputies for approval and warranting.
- The guidance and supervision of Chancellors throughout Avacal in the organization and running of Collegia and other educational activities.
- Maintaining student and instructor records.
- Maintaining THUA financial records and reporting of such to the Avacal Exchequer
- Reporting of THUA activities to the Coronet and to Principality Curia.

Activities presently under the direction of the High Regent are the production of the Avacal Directory. Computer skills are an asset in this position but in no wise are requisite for application for this office. Applicants for the office should submit a resume and cover letter outlining their SCA and relevant mundane qualifications to the THUA High Regent, the Principality Seneschal, Their Highnesses and Their Heirs.

Regional THUA Chancellors: Coordinate with teachers in your area to arrange classes for local events.

Arts & Sciences: The Principality Minister of Arts and Sciences is considered the chief artistic and scientific officer of the Coronet. You will have the responsibility of encouraging the research and development of historically accurate period art forms, technologies, and philosophies; promoting and encouraging period appropriate arts and sciences works and assisting in the selection of the Principality Arts and Sciences Champion. You will also be responsible for condensing the reports of your subordinate officers up to Kingdom Level.

Rapier Provost: The responsibilities of the Principality Rapier Marshal are to maintain, publish, and enforce the rules for period rapier combat and safety and equipment for period rapier combat as laid out by the Kingdom Earl and Rapier Marshals. They are also responsible for encouraging rapier combat and related activities with Avacal. A list of the full responsibilities and requirements can be found in the An Tir Rapier Marshal's Handbook.

Chirurgeon: SCA Chirurgeons provide first aid at Society events. (The word "Chirurgeon" is a medieval term from which the modern "Surgeon" is derived.) Members of the SCA Chirurgeonate include Red Cross trained first aiders, medical doctors, military medical corpsmen, nurses, paramedics, St. John Ambulance volunteers, and many other medical volunteers. A Chirurgeon's Warrant of office crosses Kingdom boundaries.