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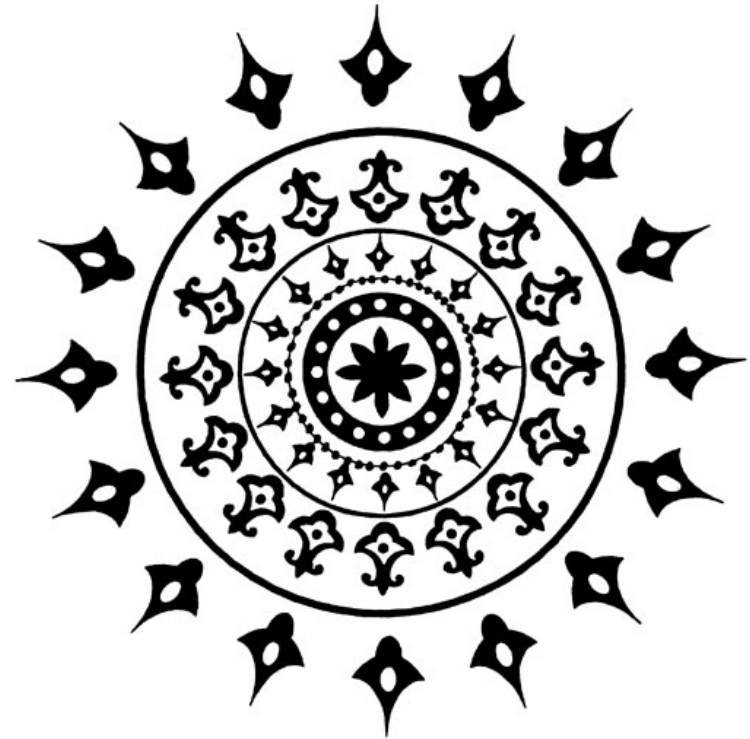
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From The Gryphon Thrones:

Greetings unto the people of Avacal!

We hope that this has been a warm and joyous holiday season for everyone. It has been a gloriously relaxing month for us and We are looking forward to the wonderful events that await Us in the New Year.

Just a quick reminder to all who would compete to serve as Avacal's Arts and Sciences Champion that you are to state your intent to enter by Montengarde Twelfth Night. Knowing full well the great skill and talent of the people of this mighty Principality, We look forward seeing who will choose to enter. We also remind those who participate in rapier combat that the tournament to choose the next Rapier Champion will take place at February Investiture. So prepare yourself for this chance to show all your true measure and serve this mighty Principality.

We hope to see you all in the New Year!

Vik and Inga

Their Highnesses Royal Progress (Tentative)

Autocrats may Contact the Head Lady in Waiting HE Gennna~ with any Questions (see champion's listing)

Kingdom 12th Night. - Jan 8

Montengarde 12th Night . - Jan 15

Investiture - Feb 26

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 and Principality Seneschal and the current officer if requested. 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*****

Chirurgion: The responsibilities of the Kingdom Chirurgion shall include: administer the chirurgionate to provide voluntary first aid at Society events including, but not limited to, tournament combat; and procedures for notifying attendees of health and safety concerns at Society events. An Tir maintains a system for warranting chirurgions. In order to be a warranted chirurgion applicants need to provide the Kingdom Chirurgion with: proof of membership; a current CPR card; and a current Red Cross or St. John's First Aid Card. Within the chirurgionate, Chirurgions are divided into apprentice chirurgions, warranted chirurgions and master chirurgions. The title master chirurgion is an honorary title and can only be held by a warranted chirurgion.

Bardic Deputy: The Bardic Officer position is a relatively new office, and its duties are still to some extent made by the person in the position. Those set down thus far are:

- 1) Encourage performance of all sorts through out Avacal (this means Dance, Singing, Juggling, Acting, Poetry, or anything else that falls under the heading of performance).
- 2) Report quarterly (four times a year) to the Avacal A&S Officer (Ceis), with a cc: to the Kingdom Bardic deputy officer. (AnTir Bardic Deputy : Mistress Isolde de la Vielle-a-Roue). Your report should contain info on what is going on in Avacal for performance.
- 3) Develop the Avacal Bardic Website

Please submit two resumes (mundane and SCA) to both me and Ceis. Please note that the Bardic Deputy is a warranted office, and the officer must hold a current SCA membership, so applicants must be prepared to obtain a membership if they do not already have one.

NMS and Waiver Deputy: This is a new deputy of the Principality Seneschal's Office and the duties will include communicating with the Kingdom NMS Coordinator and all Avacal branches, keeping up to date with any changes to the Non-member Surcharge policy, overseeing the submissions monies from of qualifying events, and ensuring that waivers are being correctly utilized at events and that they are submitted to Kingdom in a timely fashion. Deputy will report to the Principality Seneschal. Any one interested in this position should send their applications to Their Highnesses with a copy to the Principality Seneschal.

Regalia: The Regalia Officer is responsible for keeping track of all the Principality Regalia. This includes banners, thrones, the Principality Pavilion, and all decorative accouterments. Also responsible for tending to the maintenance of regalia in cooperation with their Highnesses.

An Tir May Crown Tournament May 20-22, 2005

Shire of Corvaria Prineville, Oregon

All are invited to journey to the eastern slopes of the majestic mountains to partake of the glory and goodness of our fair Kingdom! We gather to witness a tournament, the victors to take the Thrones of An Tir. Come, celebrate the new year and our new Royal Prince and Princess.

Site: Crooked River Park/Les Schwab Fields, S. Main Street, Prineville, Oregon.

Opens Friday at 2:00 p.m.

Closes Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Autocrat: HL Laurencia des Jardins (Laura Buening) 1762 SE Karena Ct, Bend OR 97702 (541) 389-8261 LaurenciaDJ@aol.com

Merchant Co-Ordinator: Damon the Grim (Daniel Carter) dlc38@comcast.net

Site Fee: \$12 U.S. for Adults (+ \$3 Non-Member Surcharge)
\$ 6 U.S. for Smalls, 8-18 years (under 8 years free)
\$36 U.S. Immediate

Family Cap
Make checks payable to "SCA, Inc. – Shire of Corvaria"

Pre-Registration: A pre-registration form will be available on the event website.

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Merchant Co-Ordinator: Damon the Grim (Daniel Carter) dlc38@comcast.net

Directions: Take the most direct route to Highway 97 in Central Oregon. >From Madras, take Highway 26 east to Prineville. From Redmond, take Highway 126 east to Prineville. These two highways merge in Prineville and become 3rd Street. Take 3rd Street to Main Street (2 stoplights) and turn right (road signage "to Fairgrounds"). Go approximately ½ mile south on Main Street to Crooked River Park. The Park is on the right hand side of the road.

Event Website:
www.scaevent.com/
antirmaycrown/
Check for updates!

Avacal Investiture February 26, 2005

Barony of Montengarde Calgary, AB

Join Their Highnesses of Avacal, Vik and Inga in Montengarde to witness the investiture of their rightful heirs to the Griffon Thrones. This festive day of activities will include the competition for the next A&S champion of Avacal, the competition for the next rapier champion of Avacal, plus contests in archery and armoured combat. Many other activities will be held, to be capped off with a delicious feast.

Costs:

Feast - \$10 adult (* this is in addition to site fee)
- \$6 youth/child (* this is in addition to site fee)
- Off-board seating will be available
Site - Adult: \$6.00
Child (12-17): \$5.00
Child (<11): Free
NMS – all non-members will be responsible for paying the \$4 NMS in addition to their site fee. Please make cheques payable to 'MSCA'

Reservations HIGHLY encouraged for the feast. The only reservation is a paid reservation.

Where: Beddington Heights
Community Hall
375 Bermuda Drive NW
Calgary, Alberta (no postal code available)

When: Feb. 26, 2005
Doors open at 9 am
Hall closes at midnight

Autocrat:
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Feast Steward:
Jajiradai Batu

Merchants welcome. Contact
Lady Li Xia for more information
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The Archery Tournament will be taking place off site at The Calgary Archery Centre (4855 47th Ave, S.E.) The Archery Range will open at 9:00 for registration and warm up. The shoot will begin promptly at 9:30am. For questions about the shoot please contact Geoffrey the Pretty at
wildcat@cliffhanger.com

For any and all questions, contact William.

Costuming Tips from Avacal Circus

The following is a collection of sewing tips posted to the Avacal Circus. Thank you to every one who contributed and especially to Zenoiva who gathered and organized it all for publications. Keep 'em coming!

2004-11-22 Thread for basting

When permanently joining fabric, you want a good quality thread that doesn't break easily. With basting, however, you may end up ripping the thread out a few times so durability is not an advantage. Also, you want to see the thread since it usually has to come out, so you don't want to match colours.

Bargain thread is good for machine basting. It's cheap, it breaks easily and it usually comes in ugly colours. There's one disadvantage though: bargain thread comes on big spools, which makes you feel like you're getting more thread than you really are.

Caveat: The stitching that draws up cartridge pleats is *not* basting. It's a permanent, integral part of the garment, and it usually supports a lot of weight. Be sure to use strong thread.

Zenoiva

2004-11-29 Hemmer foot

The hemmer foot produces a rolled hem that is folded over twice (no raw edges). This foot comes in different sizes to create different widths of hem, such as 2, 4, and 6 mm. Use on light

(and medium for 4 and 6 mm) fabrics for an unobtrusive machine finish. Use on chemises, napkins, veils.

Zenoiva

2004-12-09 Appliqué/satin stitch foot

The appliqué or satin stitch foot has a groove on the underside to accommodate dense zigzag stitches. The foot itself may be made of clear plastic so you can see what you're doing.

The visibility it gives is nice, but it's not a replacement for a regular foot: your fabric will want to find the path of least resistance under the groove on the bottom and this may result in inaccurate sewing.

Zenoiva

2004-12-12 Sewing gathers

Gathers are a way of reducing the length of a piece of fabric in order to join it to a shorter piece of fabric.

1. Using somewhat low tension on the needle (top) thread, sew one or two rows of basting stitches along the edge

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of the long piece of fabric, inside the seam allowance (e.g. if your seam allowance is 1/2", sew the basting stitches 1/4 or 3/8" away from the cut edge).

2. Pin the ends of the long piece to the ends of the short piece. The long piece will bow out from the short piece.

3. Find the middle of the long and short pieces by folding the pieces in half, matching pin to pin. Pinch the fabric (both pieces) to mark the middle. Pin the middle of the long piece to the middle of the short piece.

4. Repeat this process (fold pieces, match pin to pin, pinch, pin pinches together) for each gap between pins.

5. Repeat until the pieces are pinned together at regular intervals, and the pins are an inch or two apart.

6. Find the thread that's easiest to pull (the bobbin thread). Pull it from both ends of the fabric until the long piece forms gathers and lies as flat as possible against the short piece. The gathers will probably bunch on one side of the pins.

7. Twist the ends of the thread you pulled around the pins at each end. Don't cut this thread off.

8. Lay the fabric on the ironing board, gathered side up. Slide the gathers around between the pins to get them even. Iron the gathers. This will help keep them from sliding while you sew.

9. With the gathered side up, sew the two pieces together.

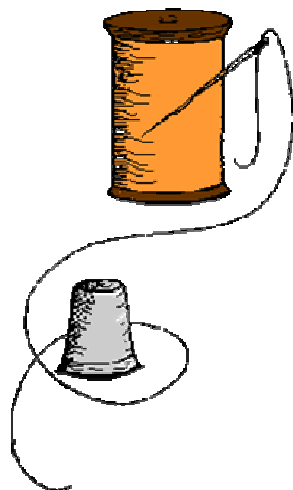
Use thread that's strong enough not to snap. Regular thread will be fine—you don't need heavy thread.

If your thread keeps snapping, your tension was too high when you sewed the basting stitches. Rip the stitches out and try again with lower tension. If your gathers slide around uncontrollably, your tension was too low.

If you plan to remove the basting stitches before joining the two pieces of fabric, use a contrasting colour of thread. If the basting stitches will stay, use a matching colour of thread just in case it peeks out of the seam allowance here and there.

Using two rows of basting stitches rather than one will give you more stability and less twisting.

Zenovia



Court of Love February 12, 2005

Come warm yourself at our hearth! Cheer for your favourite rapier fighter at our annual Shire championship. Behold the glorious creations of our artisans at the Shire A&S championship. Feast with us to celebrate not only the victors, but all participants. Play an instrument, tell a tale, or sing a song for your heart's love in our bardic circle.

Site opens: 10am.

Armour inspection: 11am.

Festivities begin: 5pm.

Site closes: 12 midnight.

Kitchen facilities are available.

Location of Tourney:

Wintergarden, University of Northern British Columbia, 3333 University Way, Prince George, BC, V2N 4Z9.

Location of Festivities:

Multipurpose Room, Studio 2880, 2880 - 15th Avenue, Prince George, BC, V2M 1T1.

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Shire of Cold Keep Prince George, BC

Street, Prince George, BC, V2M 2X1, 250-562-4947, chornem@navcanada.ca.

Fees: Adult (16+): \$5, Children (15 and under): Free, Non-Member Surcharge (Adults Only): +\$4 Make cheques payable to "Shire of Cold Keep"

Directions to Tourney: From Route 16: At Canadian Tire, turn uphill onto Tyner Boulevard. The University is approximately 3km on left.

>From Route 97: At Earl's, turn west onto 15th Avenue. The university is at the top of the hill on the right. Pay parking only (bring a twonie). Signs will be posted.

Directions from UNBC to Festivities: Take left out of UNBC. Go down hill. Studio 2880 is shortly after Earl's on left. Parking is behind building and free.

For more detail, maps, weather conditions, updates, and other information, check the Cold Keep web site at: http://www.geocities.com/trad_archer77/ColdKeep/ColdKeep.htm

Feast of the Ever Greens February 5, 2005

Shire of Bordergate Cold Lake, AB

Greetings to all in the Kingdom of An Tir. Shire Bordergate welcomes you to join us with our annual Feast of the Ever Greens. Feb 5, 2005 at the Cherry Grove Hall in Cold Lake AB. We will have our usual Fun Games for all who wish to come and participate and a rapier Tournament for your enjoyment.

Directions Coming from Edmonton take the highway 28 to Cold Lake through Bonnevillie and turn left at highway 55 going East. Follow the signs to the hall. When coming from the East follow the highway 55 West and follow the signs to the hall. There is no street address.
Troll will open at 12:00 noon Feb 5 2005 and closes on 12:00 midnight Feb 6 2005.

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This bylaw will be strictly enforced.

Timeline: (subject to change)

0900 hall opens
0900 archery begins at archery lanes
1000 Ithra Classes to begin
1030 heavy inspection
1100 heavy tourney begins
1200 archery tourney ends
1200 heavy tourney ends
1200 A&S display begins
1230 rapier inspection
1300 rapier tournament begins
1600 rapier tournament ends
1630a&s display ends

Cost for site and Feast:

Adults \$15.00 per member 16 years and over.
Youth 12 to 15 \$7.50
Children under 12 Free.
Cost for site only:
Adults and Youth \$5.00,
Children free (a non member surcharge of \$4.00 is added on to adult fees)
Please make cheques payable to CSCA Canton of the Lakelands.

Contact **the Autocrat** Marina Caminante (Louise Johnson) (780) 639-4963
604 12 street
Cold Lake AB T9M-1A9
marinaca@telus.net
Make your reservations with the autocrat.
Merchants are welcome.

1630 Merchants clean-up
1700 feast setup begins
1800 feast begins
1930 feast ends
2000 court begins
2230 court ends?
2400 hall closes
Event Steward:
Tayaha the Wanderer
403.288.2951 (no calls after 10pm)
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Calgary, AB, T1Y 2Z4

Feast Steward:
William James Foxworthy

Principality of Avacal Curia Minutes November 28, 2004, A.S. XXXIX Avacal November Coronet, Borealis

Meeting opened 10:20 a.m.

Present: TH Vik and Inga, Tanist Gunther, Tanista Eyovdi, Aldreada, Dezzrienne, Dagmar, Stein, Ferghail, Ceis, Tatianna, William Bennett, Ezekiel, Anne Fawkes, Valgard, Kataryna, Serena

Recorded by: Serena

Report on Loch Dorr, letter to Shire populace from Seneschal of An Tir read

Officer Reports:

Seneschal – (Aldreada)

- branch reports received
- all officers' reports Jan 1 due date
- NMS compliance very good; recommends events separated for NMS reporting
- non compliance on NMS results in no dates on Calendar

Calendar (Catriona absent – from Ferghail)

- June Coronet bid received; Aug Investiture, Nov Coronet bids needed
- 2004 – 3 events no paperwork to Calendar
 - Sigelhundas – May 27 / 04 - Field of Roses
 - May 08 / 04 Pillage Practice & Spring Tea
 - Traitor's Gate – Sept 25 / 04 Birthday Bash
- not in Crier - Harrow's Cross
- discussion of conflict policy; no conflict unless approved.

A&S (Ceis)

- auction at Coronet raised \$945.00
- paperwork sent to Sadb
- good response at smaller events
- new Principality Games Master – Morgan Apu (?)
- no report from Vinjar this period
- encourage all groups to have A&S officer

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Chatalaine (Tatianna)

- full reporting from branches
- web site up – on line reporting forms available
- Chatalaine handbook out / on line & hard copy
- Demo book soon available
- need deputy Chatalaine

Constable (Valgard)

- only constable office required is at Principality / Kingdom
- legal issues still to be resolved around office re: Canada
- 2 branches regularly report
- constables required mostly at camping events / not usually at indoor events
- is lost & found under Constable's office? Need policy

Exchequer (Dezzriane)

- travel fund up
- \$1151.25 incoming to travel
- \$75.00 in regalia
- still pushing for regular (?) reporting
- NMS funds submission requires financial report for event
- NMS – 1 event in 2003 still outstanding
 - 2004 still ongoing
- **CCRA – Kingdom requests full submitting of 15 %**
- Dagmar is new Exchequer
- all seneschals responsible for proper paperwork & financial reporting of autocrats

Herald (Stein)

- full reporting
- award recommendations should include group location & be cc'd to Coronet
- Principality web site – has award clarifications & procedures
- book heraldry has easy on line access
- court heraldry – courts should appoint personal heralds

Marshal (Hrogan not present; from HE Gunther)

- 100% reporting
- no tiles available at Coronet
- fighters need to know full requirement to enter list

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Montengarde 12th Night January 15, 2005

Barony of Montengarde Calgary, AB

It is with great pleasure that the Barony of Montengarde invites you to the Twelfth Night celebrations of their Excellencies Hero the Responsible and Malabar Membro Spaccata. The day will be filled with pageantry, amusements, fabulous food, and a good time to be had by all. Come and participate in or watch all of the best of the society. A&S, Rapier, Archery, Heavy Combat, Ithra classes, games, Bardic and Belly Dance competition, and a feast for all times. This day will also include the deciding of the new A&S and Rapier champions for our great Barony.

As in previous years we are collecting items for the food bank. Everyone is encouraged to help in whatever way they can.

Merchants welcome. Contact Lady Li Xia for more information. Please note due to limited space, tables will be on a first come basis.

The Archery Tournament will be taking place off site at The Calgary Archery Centre (4855 47th Ave, S.E.). The Archery Range will open at 9:00 for registration and warm up. The shoot will begin promptly at 9:30am.

For more information on Ithra Classes contact Master James d'Oleams (403) 280-2796, mikejj@morrisonsscintific.com, 82 Hawkwood Rd, N.W. Calgary, AB T3G 2J1

Costs:

Site
 · Adult \$5.00
 · Child 14 and under ½ price
 · Babes in arms free
 Feast:
 · \$15 / feast seat (this is separate from and does not include site fee)
 · Child – 14 and under ½ price
 Off-board seating will be available (on-board and off-board people cannot sit at the same table)
 NMS of \$4 will be in effect.
 Make cheques payable to MSCA.

Pre-paid tickets are REQUIRED for the feast by January 7, 2005. This year we are reserving tables of 6 on a first come basis. Those wishing to reserve a table for their group, please indicate this when paying for your ticket. Please note that all 6 people must have paid prior to reserving the table.

For more information on the event or feast or to book your feast ticket please contact the Event Stewart.

Where: Calgary Marlborough Community Hall
 636 Marlborough Way NE, Calgary, AB, T2A 2V9
 When: January 15, 2005
 Doors open at 9am
 Hall closes at midnight

SITE RULES: Allow enclosed flames only. **Please note: due to City of Calgary Bylaw all smokers must smoke in designated area and not in front of main doors.**

AVACAL CALENDAR

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.

All event copies for the Crier, Avantgarde, and Avacal Webpage has to go through the Calendar Officer. 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. (ie. 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.
- Name (society and modern) and address of the autocrat (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)

08-Jan	12th Night /An Tir Coronation	Shittimwoode
15-Jan	12th Night	Montengarde
29-Jan	War Practice and Homme Polo Extravaganza	Myrgan Wood
05-Feb	Feast of the Evergreens	Bordergate
12-Feb	Court of Love	Cold Keep
26-Feb	Investiture	Montengarde
12-Mar	Winter War	Borealis
2-Apr	Feast of Roses	Sigelhundas
16-Apr	Silver Arrow	Bitter End
23-Apr	Spring Champions	Myrgan Wood
30-Apr	Spring Faire and THUA	Borealis

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Archery (Malabar)

- very strong
- royal rounds to be published
- 37 records submitted as complete scores
- classes have been held through THUA / A&S
- Myrganwood – Tues – target practices
- Calgary – target practice (?)

Rapier (William)

- reporting awful
- issued group challenge for # of practices & event participation through Avacal
- Loch Dorr should practice continue? – Inga clarified that no SCA activity of any kind is to occur on the lands of Loch Dorr

Chirurgeon (no officer)

THUA (Ezekiel)

- Ren / Rapier cancelled
- Coronet classes a success
- Chancellors -- Kataryna – onboard for south west Avacal; Jocatta for south east, Myrganwood – Baron Ferghail looking for chancellor, Cold Keep – ongoing discussions for chancellor
- web site – objective is to have it interactive
- presently available online registration for directory and classes
- security issues re: minors info may require criminal background checks
- AMRA owns website; \$240.00 – annual hosting cost
- opening Bardic and Cold Keep presence on site
- pop3 mail box addresses available for officers
- discussion of individual e-mail addresses

New Business

Inga—bids for Kingdom available:

Crown Council – 2005
 Bardic – 2005
 12th Nite – 2006
 A&S – 2006
 An Tir / West War – 2005

Inga suggested Seneschal contact group seneschals to make sure they know requirements for principality events

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Vik – officers should think in terms of moving Avacal to kingdom status
 - there is great support from AnTir for kingdom status for Avacal
 - Ceis – kingdom officers very helpful training principality officers to kingdom levels for Avacal

Ezekiel –all principality offices should have 4 year plan annually revised; candidates should address plan

Inga - coming soon in law - all offices open at 2 year mark / 4 year maximum term – effective before end of reign

Vik - travel fund cap in place; travel fund cannot go to \$0 is law

Warlord (Ferghail) - Jan 29 – Avacal War practice @ Alsask (?)

Tanist (Gunther) - would like to see standardized reporting online – what do offices need for online reporting forms?

Meeting adjourned 11:46 a.m

Musings from the Chronicler:

Greetings Avacal!

Well, I hope all noticed my cry for help on the cover. The Avantgarde is in desperate need for artwork and photographs. I'm running out of sources to make this newsletter look pretty and interesting.

A ton of people read this thing every month and I'd love to keep it that way so please encourage any artists and photographers you know to get in touch with me. My email and phone number are on page 19 and can be found at www.codexpublishing.ca/Avantgarde.

That being said don't forget to talk up the joys of subscribing to the AG to your friends and think about your New Year's Resolution to write an article for the newsletter (you do have a resolution right?)

Ever in Service
 JH Lady Manyra.

Greetings unto the Populace of Avacal from HL Sadþ ingen Thuathail, Avacal Champion of Arts & Sciences,

There is now 2 months until the next Avacal Arts and Sciences Championship. If you are considering entering the Avacal Arts and Sciences competition at February Investiture ALL ENTRANTS, that is Championship Pentathlon entrants, Novice Triathlon entrants or Single entrants, MUST DECLARE IN WRITING their intent to enter the competition by January 15, 2005, AS 39.

This requirement is to facilitate the assignment of judges prior to the event. Declared participants may bow out after that deadline, but NO new entrants will be permitted after that date!! There will be NO exceptions!!

For those Potential Judges - If you are interested in judging this, or any other A&S Competition, please send me your name, contact info and what sorts of things you feel comfortable judging. Even if you are unable to participate in the 2005 competition, this kind of information will be kept on file for other opportunities. All judges will be notified before the event of the entries they will be judging. Research papers will be mailed out to the judges prior to the event to allow time for the judges to read them critically.

Please read (or re-read) the Avacal Arts and Sciences Championship POLICY GUIDE and COMPETITION RULES carefully. Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or need clarification at vfoster@telusplanet.net (sans spaces).

*In Service to Coronet and Crown I remain,
 HL Sadþ ingen Thuathail,
 Avacal Champion of Arts & Sciences*