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**From The Gryphon Thrones:**

Greetings unto the people of Avacal!

We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and We are looking forward to many fun events in this new year.

February Investiture is fast approaching, at which time the new Principality A&amp;S Champion as well as the new Principality Rapier Champion will be chosen through competition. We are very much looking forward to seeing what amazing skills and talents the people in Our great Principality have procured over this last year. We would also like to announce that an A&amp;S auction will be held at Investiture to support the Avacal travel fund, and any donations would be more than welcome.



Picture by HE Beothuk

Best wishes and We hope to see everyone in the new year!

Kvigr and Linnet  
Prince & Princess of Avacal**Royal Progress**January 11-13 - An Tir Twelfth Night Coronation, Lions Gate (Kvigr)  
January 19 - Twelfth Night, Montengarde (Kvigr & Linnet)  
February 22-24 - February Investiture, Borealis (Kvigr & Linnet)**Interesting Links (no, not chainmail...)**

This list is open to both apprentices, and non-apprentices with interest in any form of the Arts &amp; Sciences in An Tir.

Also, if anyone was interested in starting an Avacal branch of the artisans/ apprentices groups I am 100% behind it. That would be awesome!

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AnTirApprentice/>Submitted by HL Raffaella di Contino of Aquaterra  
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Updates Coming Soon!

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## Seneschal's Message

Greetings Avacal!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Things were certainly very quiet the last month in the seneschal's office so I don't have much to say. I'm sure activities will be in full swing soon though: sewing for the next event, repairing the armour or writing up those reports. February will be here shortly so I look forward to seeing everyone in Borealis for the Their Excellencies, Einar & Ifatahyo's Investiture. Until then, take care!

Ever In Service  
Manyra, Avacal Seneschal

### PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING NMS SURCHARGES

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### Riddle Me This...

*This creature is odd, its habits unaccountable. It sings through its sides.  
Its neck is curved, skilfully carved, and above its back it has pointed shoulders.  
It plays its fated part as, gracefully, it stands by the roadside,  
high and handsome, useful to men.*

Excerpts from: *The Exeter Book Riddles*, revised edition. Kevin Crossley-Holland, translator. London: Penguin Books, 1993.

Answer: Harp

## Silver Arrow Bitter End

Red Deer AB  
April 25-28, 2008

Spring is just around the corner and so is the Shire of Bitter End's annual Silver Arrow Archery tournament. The coveted Silver Arrow and 5 pieces of silver are among the prizes for the Archery, Rapier and Heavy tournaments. Then join us as we travel in the footsteps of Marco Polo along the Spice Road. Do you like it HOT!!! Your food that is....no, nor do we, but we do like it SPICY. Sample the flavours of simpler times....pepper, salt, cinnamon and saffron; paprika, garlic and turmeric. For those of you who do like it a little hot, well, we have something for you too.

After a long day of archery, rapier, heavy and youth combat; rest, relax and eat. The glory of the Silver Arrow is yours and what follows is simply the best the Shire of Bitter End can offer its glorious combatants.

### Site Information:

Location: Shady Nook Community Hall, Red Deer County.  
No street address

### Directions as follows.

Make your best route to Red Deer and the intersection of Highways 2 and 11. From highway 2 travel west on highway 11 to Secondary highway 596 (Burnt Lake Trail) and turn left (south), there is a FasGas on the North corner. Travel along Sec. Hwy 596 (this road curves from the south to the west) to Range Road 283 and turn left (south) onto gravel. Follow Range Road 283 to Township Road 380 and turn right (west), there is feedlot on your right-hand side. Hall is the 4th drive on the right. Signs will be posted.

Dates and Times: Site opens at 5 pm on Friday, April 25th and closes at 12 pm on Sunday, April 27th. Camping is available, but beware, it is April and come prepared for any weather. Crash space is available in the hall.

### Fees:

Site/Feast fee is \$22.00  
Site only is \$10.00

Children Site/feast: 0 - 5years – free  
6 - 12 years \$11.00, site only \$5.00.

There is a non-member surcharge of \$3.00.

Please make cheques payable to ASCA Shire of Bitter End. You MUST reserve to eat. This is a licensed event and all alcohol will be served from the bar in accordance with mundane liquor laws.

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## Spring Champions Myrgan Wood

On Saturday, March 29, 2008, Their Excellencies Helene and Dietrich of Myrgan Wood invite all to participate in the choosing of their spring champions.

Where: Sts. Martyrs Hall,  
1628 – 9th Avenue North ,  
Saskatoon , Sask. S7K 3A1

Time: 10:00AM to 11:00 PM

There will be Archery, Armored Combat, Rapier, A& S display, Gaming, Barding and competitions for all of the above. The day will end with feasting and merry making.

Merchants are welcome, contact Lady LJ for space.

Autocrat: HL Lina Joya of Grantham Keep

Feastocrat: Kvan of Grantham  
Site Fee \$10.00,  
\$3.00 non-member surcharge.  
Feast \$15.00  
PAID RESERVATIONS ONLY

Contact HL Lina Joya for family rate.  
Make cheques payable to:  
SCA – Myrgan Wood

Crash Space is limited.  
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## Saskatoon SK March 29, 2008

Schedule: 10:00 AM- site opens  
set up for A&S  
Archery  
11: 30 to 2:00 - lunch BBQ  
\$2.00 for burger  
\$1.00 for Pop-  
Proceeds to Travel Fund  
1:00 - Armored Combat  
3:00 - Rapier  
6:00 - Bar opens and Feast will begin shortly thereafter.

Schedule may change at the whim of their Excellencies.

This wonderful event is brought to you by the Household of Grantham Keep.

## From the Principality Chronicler

Ya Hala,

O.K.—six more issues to go and six short months to find an officer who will continue the legacy that is the Avantgarde and oversee the polity of the various forms of ‘communication’ used within our current middle ages. Someone who can do desktop publishing, communicate well in various formats (especially by email), good with details, able to keep lists (familiarity with Microsoft Access and Excel would be beneficial) and someone with a basic understanding of the internet/websites — does this sound like you? Or would you be interested in either the role of officer or newsletter editor but not both (one or the other could be a deputy position). Your principality needs you...or at least **!** need you to drop me a line at [chronicler@avacal-sca.org](mailto:chronicler@avacal-sca.org) or look for me at February Investiture and we'll talk (really, I won't beg...much, because I know you can do the job!)

*alaam Alikum — al-Sayidah umm Bishr, principality chronicler*

**Event Reporters Wanted! Branch Reporters Wanted! Branch Chroniclers Wanted!**  
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*Cat's Meow is created by  
Mistress Keterlin von dem Drachen*

## Selewine's Scribings

### Persona and A & S—Two Loves Connected!

For this day I am stepping out of the persona of Brother Selewine to touch on the whole reason my Persona Project began. It is my personal A&S project, driven by the desire to understand the developing persona of Brother Selewine. Through all of the changes and permutations that have brought me to where he is today I became almost obsessed with knowing my fellow players. For me at least, when they were introduced it was not enough to hear them say "Hello, my name is Bjorn and I'm a Viking"—I wanted to know where Bjorn lived, the name of his ship, if he had children and a family and where he had travelled. What did his house look like and where were the horns on his helmet? The persona project (as seen in the Avantgarde since October 2006) was intended to satisfy my personal curiosity while getting to know more about the good people whom I met on a semi-regular basis at various events who all had stories to tell—some more detailed than others—but all with stories.

As a result, every persona piece has left me with more knowledge; each one has driven me to a new piece of study or research as I realised that there were things I did not know, even with the fairly extensive study done to prepare each piece. What I'm trying to say is that the persona project has fed my interest in the area that is my passion in the SCA, the Arts and Sciences by creating more questions than answers. I knew the persona, and I wanted to know more about the persona. As a result, two years into the game there were a score of people for whom I knew not clue one about their mundane names or careers but I knew the time they represented, the people they came from and the fabrics they used in their clothing.

These details that make up a players persona fall under the very wide-ranging SCA umbrella of Arts and Sciences thus the Arts and Sciences have become my second strongest reason for continuing to play in this game we share, which moves us into the true intent of this discussion.

Arts & Sciences know no boundaries in the SCA. You want to learn about and manufacture replica siege weapons; your heart's desire is for a hand embroidered and embellished belt; you just got this cool "scroll" and now you want to know how to make one yourself with all the fancy printing and painting; someone offered you a glass of mead and now there is nothing that will come between you and learning how to make your own; that really strange looking instrument, the one that looks like a potbellied guitar: man; that was a neat sound from that thing—can I learn to play it, or maybe even make one?; what about that almond and cheese tart?—all of this and so much more is part of the Arts and Sciences of the SCA (This is the part of the SCA that calls to my heart and draws me in to try new things and stretch what I know).

I am an unashamed A&S geek. You go ahead with your rapiers and sword and board. My field of challenge lies elsewhere, and make no mistake it is a battlefield and a series of challenges that become larger and more encompassing the more you learn. Like becoming the best fighter you can be this is a self-challenge, you have to develop your skills and disciplines for yourself beyond what can be taught. You may compete against others, but even if you never approach an A&S competition you are still constantly challenged. I have entered the Principality A&S Championship tournament and let me tell you it is just as difficult as I perceive the other championships to be. I barely saw the entries of the other competitors because my focus was on what I was doing, those things I was presenting for public inspection and judgment. The only bruises from the competition would be to my ego, but they were telling nonetheless. Win, lose or draw I gave the competition everything I had, just as every other entrant did. No serious competitor enters the A&S

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### Avacal War Practice 2008 Shire of Rhuddglyn

Medicine Hat AB  
March 7-9, 2008

Join us in a nice, warm indoor hall to practice WAR! This is the perfect time to run through battle scenarios and strategies and put it 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, Al-sask, 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 Al-sask (south—Highway 44). Go approximately 1 mile, and turn right into what looks like an old Air Force 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 Village Rec Center.

Site opens Friday at 5pm and closes Sunday at noon.

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 a local grocery store.

There is a kitchen on site. There is reportedly a great burger place in the Town of Marengo, 15 minutes east.

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

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).

seneschal@avacal-sca.org  
Mailing address:  
Box 147 Hays, AB T0K 1B0

Check out the event on Facebook to RSVP or visit <http://www.codexpublishing.ca/rhuddglyn/warpractice.html> for more info.



## Avacal February Investiture February 22 – 24, 2008

## Barony of Borealis Edmonton AB

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Gentles all!

You are invited by Vik Vikingsson and Inga the Unfettered, Baron and Baroness of Borealis, on behalf of his Majesty Cedric Rolfsson and their Highnesses Kvigr and Linnet, to join and bear witness to the investing of our Tanist and Tanista as Prince and Princess of Avacal! Sharpen thy swords and don thyne bucklers to compete to be the new honoured Champion of Rapier. Study thy tomes and create thy works of art to be the most honoured Champion of Arts and Science. All to take place at Avacal Investiture. Come and join the fabulous chefs of Borealis as they create a wonderful English feast! This season's event is to be hosted by the Barony of Borealis at the Thorsby Community Hall in Thorsby, Alberta.

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Please phone to reserve a table.

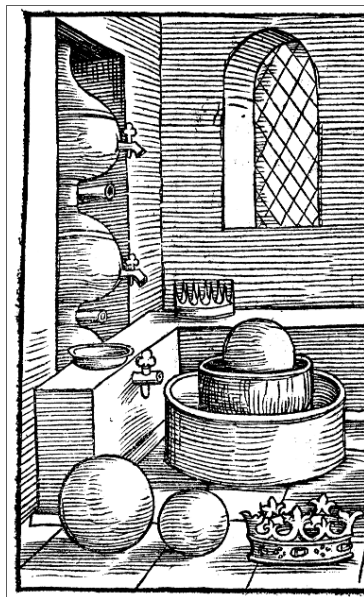
Date: February 22-24

Site: Thorsby Community Centre  
4813 49 street  
Thorsby, Alberta  
T0C 2P0

Opens Friday at 4:00 pm and closes  
Sunday at 1:00pm

Take Hwy 39 from Hwy 2 through  
Camaar  
Turn left into Thorsby  
Drive to first crosswalk lights and turn  
left.  
Go straight into community centre  
parking lot.

Site fees:  
Member: \$10.00  
Non members add a \$3.00 nms  
Children under 12 are free.  
Feast: \$10.00, total \$23.00  
please make cheques payable to ASCA:  
Barony of Borealis



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ourney on a whim--months of planning and execution go into every entry; often entries are redone and modified right up to the last possible moment as entrants strive to present the very best they can do.

Note the last point, "the very best they can do". You do not have to be the best in the world at something; but you should try to be the best you can be. An A&S competition is ultimately a competition against yourself, no matter how many others are in the competition. I encourage people to enter A&S competitions. Use it as a showcase of your work, encourage others to try new things and you might be surprised. Your work might be better than you realize and your willingness to display your hard work may very well serve as the catalyst for someone else who has never dared display their talent and skill.

As the Principality A&S competition rapidly approaches this is my challenge to you...

### TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION

...even if only as an audience member. Take the time to view the displays and the entries. Ask questions of the competitors, find out why they did what they did and what they learned in the process. While not as outwardly dramatic or loud as the clashing of foils during the Rapier Championship or of rattan on armour during the Coronet Tourney, this is still a serious competition filled with those who battle for a prize.

—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](mailto:brother-selwynn@shaw.ca)"



Pictures of A&S Displays are by Beothuk of the Beothuks

## From Your Principality Chirurgeon

"Welcome back! Last month, I explained who a chirurgeon is (anyone who with the first aid/CPR training and the desire), and why the SCA maintains a chirurgeonate. This month, we'll look at why **you** should be a chirurgeon, and what you have to do to become one." — Gosfrei

### Why be a Chirurgeon?

Though there are reasons why the SCA has an organized Chirurgeonate, the question remains why anyone would want to join. It is not easy to explain what motivates one person to come to the aid of another, nor should we attempt to address this issue. Care giving and generosity are not things which require rules. Regardless, there are three clear and tangible advantages to joining the Chirurgeonate versus providing first aid on your own. The first is recognition by the populace and other SCA officers that, as a warranted Chirurgeon, you have met a certain minimum of training and are familiar with the oddities of performing first aid within the cultural context of the SCA – you're a known quantity.

The second reason to be a warranted Chirurgeon has to do with the principal of "many hands make light work." As a member of the Chirurgeonate, you accrue the benefits of belonging to an international group of first-aid volunteers. These benefits include the exchange of information on SCA-specific first aid, a shared set of policies which allow people who have never met before to work together effectively, and the organizational means to delegate and share the workload at an event.

The third reason to become warranted is that as a warranted officer of the SCA, you may be covered by the SCA's liability insurance. Such coverage depends on the nature of the incident that engendered litigation, whether the country you live in is included in the SCA's policies, and what your role was in the incident in question, etc. (see Appendix D). For example, if you performed an emergency tracheotomy on the list field when the only thing wrong was a sprained ankle, it is extremely doubtful that you'll be covered under the SCA's liability insurance. The extent of coverage is also variable, since the SCA occasionally changes insurance carriers, and every insurer and policy is different.

Because the coverage extended under the SCA's liability policies depends on several variables, an absolute guarantee of coverage can not be promised. The SCA, however, has been involved in a small number of civil suits, and overall, SCA officers have been protected by the insurance and their legal expenses reimbursed where applicable.

### Prerequisites to be a warranted Chirurgeon

In order to become a fully warranted Chirurgeon, you must meet the following conditions:

- ❖ You must serve an observation period as a Chirurgeon-in-Training for evaluation of attitude, demeanor, and training in SCA-specific knowledge such as the rules for armored combat and the contents of this Handbook.
- ❖ You must be as old or older than the legal age of majority in the state, province, territory, and/or country where you live.
- ❖ You must possess a current first-aid certification or acceptable alternative.
- ❖ You must possess a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification.
- ❖ You must be a member of the SCA. The type of membership must provide immediate access to your Kingdom newsletter.

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## AVACAL CALENDAR

February		
14-17	Estrella	Atenveldt
23	<b>Investiture *</b>	Borealis
March		
9	<b>War Practice</b>	Rhuddglyn
16	Feast of the Evergreens	Bordergate
29	<b>Spring Champions</b>	Myrgan Wood
April		
5	Winter War	Borealis
25-27	<b>Silver Arrow</b>	Bitter End

*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.

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### Contingency Deputy Seneschal (Feb 01/08):

A contingency deputy is needed to learn the basics of the seneschal's position with the intent that they fill for the seneschal if that person becomes unable to work. The deputy will be copied on reports and major correspondence to help understand the position. Ideally the deputy should be able to handle the office long enough to hand it off to someone else (if they are not interested in keeping it).

### Membership Deputy (Jan 15/08):

I am looking for a deputy to help the seneschal's office deal with membership numbers. This means contacting Kingdom for the excel listing, dividing out the memberships according to postal codes then forwarding that information to the branches.

**Chronicler (Jun 01/08)::** As Principality Chronicler, you will be responsible for the regular publication of the Principality newsletter The Avantgarde. Either directly, in partnership, or through deputies, you will take Curia minutes; publish the updated Laws of Avacal; encourage the publication of the results of research; facilitate communication within the Principality; maintain a record of events and other matters which may be of historical interest; and review the newsletters within the Principality to make sure that they comply with Kingdom policy, don't violate copyright laws, and present a favorable view of the Society. You will also act as a contact between Kingdom and local groups and as a resource for branch chroniclers.

*“Be alert to give service. What counts a great deal in life is what we do for others.”  
—Anonymous*

## Help with Pied Piper at Quad War!

Do you have a great craft or activity idea? A game? A story?

I am looking for people who can give a small amount of time to help with the children at Quad War this summer. Please e-mail me off the list if you would like to help by teaching the kids something or leading an activity. My e-mail address is odette\_the\_swan @ yahoo.ca.

Come help out and make this the best Quad War yet for the children or the principality.

I look forward to working with you all.



Odetta Swan—  
Pied Piper of Montengarde.

Picture by HE Beothuk of the Beothuks

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- ❖ You must provide the following to your Kingdom Chirurgeon:  
Proof of age of majority (a copy of your driver's license should suffice)
- ❖ A copy of your first-aid or medical credentials
- ❖ A copy of your CPR certification
- ❖ Proof of SCA membership (a blue membership card is sufficient);

### Chirurgeon-in-Training

Chirurgeons-in-Training have provided their Kingdom Chirurgeon with all the documents listed in Section II.5 and have been accepted by their Kingdom Chirurgeon as a Chirurgeon-in-Training.

### The Purpose of Serving as a Chirurgeon-in-Training

The purpose of serving as a Chirurgeon-in-Training is to evaluate the first-aid skills of Chirurgeons-in-Training in the SCA setting and to teach them the administrative policies and procedures of the Chirurgeonate.

The Chirurgeon-in-Training period is first and foremost a time for evaluation on the application of first-aid treatment within the structure of the SCA. The SCA Chirurgeonate does not teach first aid, nor should an Chirurgeon-in-Training expect the SCA to provide any first-aid training. Obtaining first-aid training is the responsibility of the Chirurgeon-in-Training.

And after all that, you know why the SCA has a chirurgeonate; who is, and who can be a chirurgeon; and the prerequisites to be a chirurgeon. So I have a couple of questions for you. First, are you certified in first aid and CPR for your work or for personal reasons? Second, are you willing to put those certifications to good use and help make our Game safer? If you are, then please contact me via email, or talk to any chirurgeon at an event.

If you would like to read the Chirurgeon's Handbook, it's available online at <http://www.avacal-sca.org/officer/chirur.htm>. And if you have questions, you can contact me through the same site. For more information, see also the An Tir chirurgeons Guild site at <http://www.antir.chirurgeonguild.org>.

In joyful and devoted service to Avacal, An Tir, and you,  
Gosfrei Kempe  
Principality Chirurgeon Avacal



## Rapier Tourney Rules for February Investiture

Rapier fighters, and their inspirations,

Welcome are all rapier fighters to contend for the honour of representing the Principality as Rapier Champion for the period of one year, to be contested at the upcoming February Investiture in Borealis. Representing the Principality in this position has been my great pleasure, and I have done so on fields across our Principality, and as far away as Pennsic in the East.

The Laws for competing for a Championship of Avacal may be summarized as follows, and I quote:

"Each Champion will serve a term of one year. No person may serve as two Champions at the same time. No person may enter more than one Champions Tourney at one time. To enter competition for any Avacal Championship, entrants must have a current membership in the SCA, Inc., and must maintain it during their tenure as Champion. The Champions must swear an oath of fealty and service to the Crown. The Champions have the duty to advise the Coronet. They shall support and defend the Principality of Avacal, and serve the Coronet to the best of their ability. The Champions are expected to attend all Principality Events, unless granted permission by the Coronet not to do so. The Champions must oversee the tournament to choose their successor at the Investiture Events (See section 6). They are responsible for the regalia of their office and must pass it on to their successor."

All these laws will be followed by all entrants into the tournament. Memberships and authorization cards should be brought for the ease of running lists. All entrants are expected to read the relevant sections of the Laws of Avacal in their entirety and understand the responsibilities of the position. All entrants will comport themselves in a manner befitting the Champions of Avacal. An armour tester will be present on-site for the purposes of testing armour the marshals deem has not been tested recently enough.

The tournament format will be the traditional double elimination tournament. The first round will be a challenge round with the makeup of challengers and challenged being decided on-site. Following rounds will be randomly drawn, and the finals will be double elimination, subject to the will of the Coronets. Fighters will process onto the lists with their inspirations, if present, and should make every effort to ensure their inspirations are present.

I have a pair of additional strong recommendations for the fighter who proves successful in the tournament. The new Champion should make every effort to travel far and wide both inside and outside the Principality, to spread the word fame of the Principality and its Royalty. Also, I'd ask that the new Champion personally organize an additional tournament at one of the four other Principality level events (June Coronet, November Coronet, August Investiture, Quad War), and personally invite individuals and Champions from outside the Principality borders to participate, for the same reasons as above.

I look forward to seeing faces both old and new in the lists of this year's Champion's Tournament, and would ask that this missive be forwarded to all local lists to ensure the best turnout possible.

En service—L Guillemin de Rouen,  
Rapier Champion and Provost of Avacal,  
Cadet to Raoul Delaroché



## 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 any of these positions 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.*

**Regional THUA Chancellors (no deadline)** : Coordinate with teachers in your area to arrange classes for local events.

**Principality Calendar Officer (deadline for applications Jan 15/08)**

The Principality Calendar Officer reports to the Principality Seneschal and is responsible for setting event dates on the Avacal Calendar at February Curia each year, as well as maintaining the rotation for Principality events, and works to ensure events in Avacal do not conflict with Kingdom events. The Calendar Officer receives the forms which are required to hold events in Avacal, and ensures that all event information is published as required. The position requires someone with excellent communication skills, and who is organized, responsible and willing to take the initiative in all matters concerning the Calendar. The Calendar Officer should be able to attend the Curia meetings at all Principality events throughout the Calendar year. This is a great way to find out what is happening in the Principality, and get to know the seneschals and autocrats of all the events you are planning to attend anyway.

**Gules Signet Scribe (Deadline for applications is Feb 1/08):** The Gules Signet is the chief scribe for the Principality and is responsible for all scrolls that are produced within the Principality. Gules Signet acts as the principal deputy for assuring the accuracy of scrolls, their timely assignment and completion, and their delivery to the recipients. S/he, or a designate, is also the holder of the Principality Seal. Gules Signet takes care of the following:

Promoting the Scribal Arts within the Principality.

Providing wax seals to the Monarchs for charters and scrolls during each reign.

Managing the production and distribution of Charter Scrolls for the Monarchs in the absence of a designated Charter Deputy or Royal Scribe.

Managing the production and distribution of Original Scrolls to recipients.

Assisting the College of Heralds as necessary to ensure the accurate and timely completion of scroll commissions.

Managing such funds as are budgeted and allocated to this office by the Principality and this officer's supervisor, and ensuring their proper disbursement in accordance with the Principality of Avacal and Kingdom of An Tir financial policy. Training and supervising such deputies and scribes as are needed to accomplish these duties.

**Principality Equestrian Marshall (Mar 01/08):**

To Encourage Equestrian Activities in Avacal, we are looking for an Equestrian Marshall Deputy Officer.

- 1) Must be a Warranted Equestrian Marshall (or provide plans to become an Equestrian Marshall before being invested)
- 2) Must be willing to travel as equestrian events need a Marshall present from the beginning until the end of events.
- 3) Must be willing to communicate with both the Principality Earl Marshall and the Kingdom Equestrian Marshall
- 4) Must report on time to both the Principality and the Kingdom.
- 5) Willing to be primary contact and information disseminator to individuals wanting to either participate in or find out more about equestrian activities within Avacal and An Tir.