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In the Reign of Their Highnesses

HH Riddhari Steinn Vikingsson and HH Gemma Meena

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 and HE Linett!!



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From The Gryphon Thrones:

Greetings:

Congratulations to Their Excellencies Kvigr Ivarsson and Linnnet Grimolfsdottir. We wish them all the best as they now prepare for Their investiture in August. Thank you to our gracious hosts in the Shire of Cold Keep. You all did a tremendous job organizing June Coronet. It is nice to see the growth within the Principality which allowed for such a well attended event.

Please continue to send award recommendations, and remember to copy them to Their Excellencies as well.

We look forward to seeing you all during the summer season!

Regards,

Steinn
Prince AvacalGemma~
Principessa Avacal

Picture by Beothuk

Royal Progress

June 16: Silver Wolf, Borealis - both
 June 20: Moorish Tavern, Northsheild - HH Steinn (tentative)
 July 21: July Coronation, Canton of Silverheart - both
 July 28: Dragonslayer, Montengarde - both
 August 4: Quad War, Avacal - both
 August 18: Investiture, Bitter End - both



COURT REPORT

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Recommendation forms!

http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/files/Avacal_award_rec.pdf

<http://www.antir.sca.org/recommendations.php>

CALL FOR LARGESSE

Their Highnesses Steinn and Gemma would be grateful and honoured to receive contributions of largesse from the people of Avacal to show its generosity and bounty. The reputed skill of Avacal's artisans is spreading and gifts from the hands of the Coronets Avacal are becoming more eagerly anticipated. We will be presenting largesse at Coronation this coming July.

I am looking for artisans who can help provide the following:

- *Wool trim (Tablet or inkle woven bands) - in An Tir, Summits or Tir Righ colours.
- *Skeins of hand spun wool
- *Felt items or any other type of textiles
- *Metal work/small hand forged items - such as eating ware, small hooks, strike a lites, arrow heads, ring pins, etc.
- *small metal or wooden boxes that look hand-made in period styles
- *hand carved wooden, bone or antler items - such as household items, toys, sewing implements, etc.
- *napkins or other table linens made from natural fibers
- *handmade lampwork beads
- *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

Make sure to attach a tag to your donated item with your SCA name and branch - - Their Highnesses want to make sure that people are properly 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 Avacal.

Please avoid items such as:

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

Thank you for your consideration. Their Highnesses appreciate the time, effort and creativity that goes into making largesse and will be extremely proud to gift your donated items during Their reign.

Please contact me if you would like to make a largesse donation and we will make arrangements for the delivery of your thoughtful gift of largesse.

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August Investiture
August 17-19, 2007

Shire of BitterEnd
Red Deer Alberta

M'lords, M'ladies,

Come forth one and all and bear witness to the investing of our Tanist and Tanista as Prince and Princess of Avacal! Don thyne armor and compete to be the new Champion of Sword, string thyne bow and shoot for the honor to be Champion of Arrows, all to be done at Avacal Investiture. This years' event to be hosted at Tee Pee village campground near Blackfaulds Alberta, hosted by the Shire of Bitter End.

Autocrat,

HL Gabrielle of the Leaf &
HL Malcolm De Bruce
Mka Patricia Keim & Asher Keim
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Site opens Friday at 4:00 pm and
closes Sunday at 1:00pm

Site fees:

Member: \$20.00
Non members add a \$4.00 nms,
total of \$24.00
Children under 12 are free.
Please make cheques payable to
ASCA: Shire of Bitter End.
Directions: There is no street address
for this site.

From the junction of the QE2 and
Sec hwy 597{Blackfaulds overpass}
head east on sec 597 2 km to hwy 2A.
Turn north {left} on hwy 2a to Twp 400
{just after train overpass}
Turn west {left} apx 1 km.
Turn North {right} apx 0.5 km.
Turn west {left} into site.

Obey all posted speed limits. Please
stop at gate to sign in as no vehicles
will be allowed to pass without signing
in.

***Signs will be posted
starting at Hwy 2A***



Image:Naqsh i Rustam. Investiture d'Ardashir

Quad War August 3-6, 2007

The plains of Avacal roll with sounds of impending ... Quad War!
What a way to play! Everybody wins!

The earth will rumble with the forces of The Coronets and Their Heirs. Choose your team! Display your pledge with a heraldic tile. Undecided? Even the odds - it'll make the contest more fun!

Gather in the heart of Avacal where we beat swords and drums fanning the flames of war and merriment. Partake in activities to entertain everyone: War! Castle battles for Armoured and Rapier; Tournaments; Target archery for all!; Pied Piper activities!; Bardic delights; Artistic Competitions; Classes and more classes; Spectacular Merchants Row!!!

Event opens noon Friday, August 3rd - closes noon Monday, August 6th.

Hosted by the Barony of Myrgan Wood.
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*Clash of arms
during the field battle
at Avacal Quad War 2005
— Picture by Beothuk*



Quad War Site Marsden, SK

Site fees: \$15 per person 16 and over (add \$4 NMS), 15 and under free. Please make cheques payable to AMRA. Please bring your own drinking water as the local water is not potable. Above ground, contained fires only! There is no street address for this private site near Marsden, SK. Maps, Detailed directions at: <http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar>.

From the N, S, W and SW: Make your best route to Wainwright, AB. Go east on HWY 14 (becomes HWY 40 at the SK border). Drive 8 km past and turn north (left) on Artland road. The site is 4.5 km on the west (left).

From the E and SE: Make your best route to Saskatoon. Take HWY 16 to North Battleford. As you cross the bridge, stay to the left on HWY 40. It will turn west (right) midway through town. 5km west of (past) Marsden turn north (right) on Artland road The site is 4.5 km on the west (left).

THE LAWS OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF AVACAL

DEFINITIONS

The Coronet: The Prince and Princess of Avacal, acting together.
Tanist and Tanista: the heirs to the Coronet.

ARTICLE I. THE LAW

I.A The word of the Coronet is law subject to the Crown of An Tir and that which The Crown of An Tir is subject to. In the interests of simplicity the Laws of Avacal do not list or reference over riding laws.

I.B Any amendments must be reviewed and signed by the Avacal Seneschal, and reviewed and signed by Their Majesties of An Tir and the Kingdom Seneschal prior to proclamation. The Laws of Avacal shall be published in their entirety once each year in the Principality newsletter, with amendments published in the Principality newsletter, the Avantgarde, and in the Kingdom newsletter, the Crier, and proclaimed as soon as possible. A complete and current copy of the Law shall be maintained on the Principality web site.

I.C This is the current Laws of Avacal and all earlier versions are repealed.

ARTICLE II. THE CORONET

II.A General

The duties, responsibilities and privileges of the Coronet are detailed in Corpora, what follows is particular to Avacal. The responsibilities and privileges of the Coronet are similar in scope within the Principality of Avacal as is the Crown within An Tir.

II.B. Maintenance and Succession

II.B.1 Should the results of a Coronet Tournament be declared invalid for any reason, a Coronet Tournament shall be called at the beginning of the Investiture Event. This tournament shall be limited to eligible fighters who competed in the invalidated Coronet Tournament. The winner of the tournament and the person they fought for shall be invested immediately.

II.B.2 If the Coronet fails to complete their reign, the Tanist and Tanista shall act as regents until their investiture. If there is no Tanist and Tanista, the Armoured Champion of Avacal shall serve as Regent. If the Armoured Champion cannot carry out the Regent duties, the Champions shall select the most suitable royal peer to serve as Regent. The Regent's sole responsibility is to host a Coronet List as soon as practically possible and to immediately invest the winner and consort as Prince and Princess. The Regent may not change law or give awards. Failure to reign includes: failure to attend Principality events unless such failure to attend is beyond the control of the Prince or Princess and no failure of intent to reign is demonstrated; abdication; failure to perform the duties of the Coronet as judged by the Crown of An Tir with the advice of the Seneschal and the four Champions.

II.B.3 Should a Prince or Princess be unable to complete their reign, it is acceptable to have the remaining Prince or Princess complete the reign.

II.C. Responsibilities

The Coronet must attend all Principality events. The Coronet must swear fealty to the Crown at the time of Kingdom Coronation in some fashion acceptable to that Crown. If the failure to swear fealty at this time is beyond the control of the Coronet, they will make arrangements to swear fealty in some fashion acceptable to the Crown as soon as possible thereafter.

II.D. Privileges

The Coronet and their heirs shall not be charged event fees. The Coronet shall be reimbursed for reasonable mailing, photocopying, telephone and travel costs incurred in conjunction with their reign, upon submission of receipts to the Avacal Exchequer. Total costs submitted within a given reign may not exceed \$1500. The Travel Fund is not to drop below a balance of \$300. This fund will be supplemented by funds from the General Operating Account should this occur.

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ARTICLE III. CHAMPIONS OF AVACAL

III.A. General

The four Champions of Avacal are: Champion of Sword (heavy or rattan combat), Champion of Arrows (light or missile combat), Champion of Arts & Sciences, and Champion of Rapier. 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. If the Champion is unable to serve, the Coronet shall choose a suitable person to serve and oversee the next tourney. A Champion may not contest or be fought for in the Coronet list immediately following their Championship tournament. 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.

III.B Duties

III.B.1. The Champions must swear an oath of fealty and service to the Crown

III.B.2 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.

III.B.3 The Champions are expected to attend all Principality Events, unless granted permission by the Coronet not to do so.

III.B.4. 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.

III.B.5. The Armoured Champion has a role to play in the maintenance and succession of the Coronet. (As per Article III.B.2).

III.C. Rights

III.C.1 The Champions have the right and duty to attend the Coronet at Court and at war, and a place near the Coronets' table at feasts. The Champion of Sword is to stand armed at the Prince's Throne, and the Champion of Rapier is to stand armed at the Princess's Throne.

III.C.2. Champions shall not be charged site fees at Principality Events. This does not include feast fees.

ARTICLE IV. PRINCIPALITY OFFICERS AND DUTIES

IV.A. Principality Officers will act within Avacal as Kingdom Officers act within the Kingdom. The job descriptions of these officers are in Corpora and Kingdom Law. Officers are expected to keep in touch with both their superiors and subordinates. Officers shall serve a two year term of office so long as their duties are carried out in a manner satisfactory to the Coronet and their Kingdom superior. Warrants for all Greater Officers of State and their regional subordinates are required to be presented to each Coronet on the occasion of Their Investiture for review and renewal of warrant of office.

IV.A.1 Six months prior to the end of each two year term Officers must begin to advertise the availability of their position in the Principality Newsletter. This advertisement shall run continuously for no less than 3 months. Principality Officers may apply to serve a consecutive term and if so, their request will be judged alongside those of any other applicants. No individual may serve in the same capacity for more than four consecutive years.

IV.A.2. The Great Officers of State in Avacal shall be: the Seneschal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chatelaine, the Earl Marshal, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Herald, the Chronicler, the Chirurgeon, and the Constable.

IV.A.3. The Lesser Officers of State in Avacal shall be: the Principality Calendar, the Principality NMS deputy, the deputy for New & Incipient Branches, deputy for Avacal Development, the Minister of the Lists, the Provost Marshal for Rapier Combat, the Royal Archer, the Warlord of Avacal, the Principality Bard, the Principality Gamesmaster/mistress, the Principality Web Minister, the Principality Scribe, the Principality Regalia, and the Lord/Lady High Regent of Their Highnesses University of Avacal

Dragonslayer/Hidden Treasures July 27 – 29, 2007

Barony of Montengarde Calgary AB

The Barony of Montengarde invites you to Dragonslayer, July 27-29, 2007. Come participate as we choose our Heavy and Archery Champions:
- The Dragonslayer Tournament will be run by Baz
- The Dragonblinder Tourney will be run by Gareth Stringbreaker and is for locals only

All archers are invited to shoot the largest archery tournament in An Tir, a 24 target roving range, run by Dalton. Royal Rounds will be run on the field range throughout the weekend for those wishing to record scores. Due to the mundane rules of the club, crossbows are not permitted. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Rapier, run by Cormac, will include duels on a real bridge. There will also be an A&S competition, bardic, dancing, and a fire pit.

Site does not have drinkable water. Some will be available in the Inn but we recommend you bring some. Stores and restaurants are nearby.

Site: Calgary Archers Club (No street address) Highway 8, Calgary.

Cost: \$10.00
Non Member Fee: \$4.00
Payable in advance by cheque, money order. Cheques payable to MSCA Inc.

Directions:

Best route to Alberta Highway 2 (Deerfoot Trail in Calgary) Take Deerfoot to Glenmore Trail W. Glenmore turns into Highway 8 at Sarcee Trail. * Follow Highway 8, over Elbow River Bridge. Site is 2nd driveway on the right.

From the East or West:

Highway 1 to Sarcee trail S. At the end of Sarcee turn right onto Highway 8 W. Follow directions from * above.

Site opens at 5:00 pm Friday and closes at 2:00 pm Sunday.

Autocrat: Morrigan (Jude Harrison), #18, 643 4th Ave. NE, Calgary, AB, T2E 0J9, 403 275-0338

e-mail: jude_harrison@hotmail.com

Website:

hiddentreasures.akesons.com



St. George and the Dragon — Barcelona

Silverwolf Champions' Tournament June 15 to June 17, 2007

Barony of Borealis Edmonton, AB

Site opens at 6pm Friday and closes at noon Sunday.

Site fee is \$8;

feast is \$10;

NMS is \$4.

Make cheques payable to ASCA
Barony of Borealis.

For more information and to make reservations contact:

Neegahnee (Chris Hepburn)

zaagaate@yahoo.com

(780) 440-5014 or

c/o 10991A 124 Street

Edmonton AB T5M 0N9.

Join Borealis as we compete in feats Martial and Artistic to determine our Baronial champions.

The site is Sandhills Community League (52032 Range Road 270 Spruce Grove Alberta).

From the South: Drive north on Highway 2, take Exit 525 West. Turn left onto Highway 19. Drive 8 miles to Highway 60; turn right. Drive 9 miles on Highway 60 to highway 627; turn left. Drive 3 miles on Highway 627; turn right onto Sandhills Road/Range road 270. Site is one mile further.

From the North: turn right off Highway 16 on to Highway 60 South. Drive 8 miles; turn right onto township road 520 (Highway 627); follow above directions.

From the East: turn left off Highway 16 onto Highway 60 South; follow above directions.

From Edmonton: take your best route to Stony Plain Road, follow it west from the city. Turn left onto highway 60; follow above directions.

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IV.A.4. The job descriptions and structure of the Principality Officers shall mirror that of the Kingdom of An Tir.

IV.A.5. Principality Officers must have a current membership in the SCA, Inc., and must maintain it during their tenure as officer.

IV.A.6. Principality Officers must maintain a subscription to the Principality Newsletter, the Avantgarde, at their place of residence.

IV.A.7 Principality Officers shall attend the four Principality events and report at Curia meetings.

The Coronet may grant permission to be absent in extraordinary circumstances. In such cases, a suitable replacement must be arranged by the absent officer to carry out the duties associated with the event and a report should be submitted at Curia.

IV.B. All other officers within Avacal, whether Baronial, Canton, Shire, College etc., shall serve two year terms of office so long as their duties are carried out in a manner satisfactory to the Coronet and their appropriate superior. Six months prior to the end of their two year term officers must begin to advertise the availability of their position in their local newsletter and at their monthly business meeting. Officers may apply to serve a consecutive term and if so, their request will be judged alongside those of any other applicants. No individual may serve in the same capacity for more than four consecutive years.

IV.C. All other officers must have a current membership in the SCA, Inc., and must maintain it during their tenure as officer.

ARTICLE V. AWARDS AND ORDERS

V.A. Elders of Avacal: former Champions of Avacal who have fulfilled their duties and completed their term as Champion shall be styled an Elder of Avacal. This is bestowed at the time of the investiture of their successor.

V.B. The Gilded Gryphon is Avacal's service award, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

V.C. The Gryphon's Flame is Avacal's arts award, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

V.D. The Gryphon's Claw is Avacal's award for representing the Principality in an extraordinary way, in your chosen field, outside of Avacal, and is bestowed by the will of the The Coronet.

V.E. The Golden Oak is Avacal's award for being a shining example of chivalry and courtesy on a consistent basis and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

V.F. The Gryphon's Heart is Avacal's award to honour excellence in period dress, thought, speech, behaviour and encampment, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

V.G. The Order of the Valorous Warrior is Avacal's award to honour excellence in martial activities be it archery, rapier or heavy combat and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

V.H. The Honour of the Gryphon of Avacal is bestowed once per reign by the Coronet. It is given to honour those who emulate the ideals and embody the essence of Avacal, An Tir, and the Laurel Kingdoms.

V.I. The Gryphon's Voice is Avacal's award for excellence in the performing arts and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

ARTICLE VI. AVACAL CALENDAR

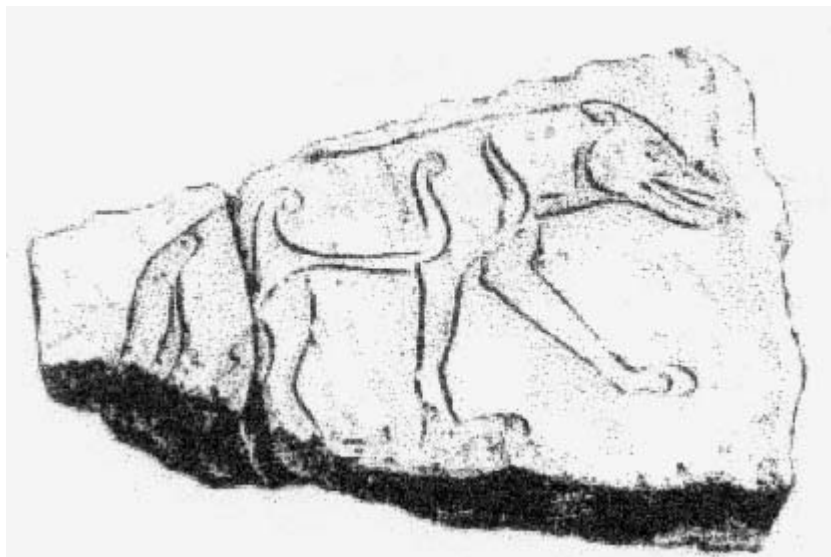
VI.A. Principality events

VI.A.1. The Principality events shall be the two Coronet Tournaments, two Coronet Investitures, Quad War and Coronet Councils scheduled at the pleasure of the Coronet.

VI.A.2. Within the borders of Avacal, no event may conflict with a Principality Event. The Principality Events will be held on the most practical weekends nearest to these dates:

VI.A.3. Last weekend in February: Investiture of the Tanist and Tanista. The Champion of Arts & Sciences (see section VI.A.5) and Avacal Champion of Rapier will be chosen at this event.

VI.A.4. First weekend of June: Coronet Tourney. At the close of the tourney, the winner and consort will be invested with the titles of Tanist and Tanista.



Pictish Wolf—based on Ardross Stone housed, Inverness Museum & Art Gallery

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VI.A.5. Late August: Investiture of the Tanist and Tanista. The Champion of Sword and the Champion of Arrow will be chosen at this event.

VI.A.6. Last weekend in November: Coronet Tourney. At the close of the tourney, the winner and consort will be invested with the titles of Tanist and Tanista.

VI.A.7. Long weekend in August: Quad War. The hosts of this event will rotate between the Baronies of Avacal beginning with Myrgan Wood in A.S. XLII (2007), followed by Montengarde in A.S. XLIII (2008)

VI.B. Coronet Tournament and Investiture Events will be hosted equally by all branches of Avacal on an alphabetical rotation basis beginning with August Investiture A.S. XLII (2007) hosted by Bitter End. Changes to this rotation must be approved by The Coronet.

VI.C. Thirty percent of any profit made on a Coronet Event may be kept by the host group; 60% is due directly to the Principality Exchequer within 60 days; and 10% is due to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.

VI.D. Coronet Tourneys

VI.D.1. Entrants to the Coronet list must have lived within the borders of Avacal for 6 months preceding the Tourney, and reasonably expect to remain a resident for the duration of their reign.

VI.D.2. All entrants and their consorts shall be members of the SCA, Inc. Acceptable proof of this shall be a valid SCA membership card, a valid Crier or Tournaments Illuminated mailing label, valid membership indicated on recent An Tir mailing list, a printed, valid receipt for an online membership purchase, or postcard from SCA Registry indicating valid membership.

VI.E. Champions Tourneys

VI.E.1. Entrants to the Champions tourneys must be resident in Avacal at the time of the tourney, and reasonably expect to remain a resident for the duration of their term.

VI.E.2. The Arts and Sciences Championship shall be run by the current Champion in conjunction with The Coronet and the Minister of Arts and Sciences. The format and rules of the competition shall be as stated in the document "The Avacal Arts & Sciences Championship Guidelines", dated January 24, 2005 (AS XXXIX) as signed by The Coronet, the Minister of Arts and Sciences and the Avacal Champion of Arts & Sciences. This document can only be revised by the current Champion with the approval of the Coronets and following consultation with the Minister of Arts & Sciences.

VI.E.2.a. Any person wishing to enter the Arts & Sciences Championship Tournament must declare their intent and provide a list of their planned entries to The Coronet, the Champion and the Arts & Sciences Minister, in writing, no later than January 15th of same year as the Championship Tournament.

VI.F. Maximum number of branch events

VI.F.1. Baronies may not exceed a maximum of three official events per Calendar year; shires and cantons may not exceed a maximum of two official events per Calendar year. Principality events do NOT count toward the maximum number of events a branch may hold. Branches that do not use their maximum may donate their remaining event(s) to another group. Incipient shires may have one event set on the Calendar by their sponsoring branch; this event does NOT count as part of their maximum number of events for the sponsoring branch.

ARTICLE VII. THEIR HIGHNESSES UNIVERSITY OF AVACAL (THUA)

VII.A. Their Highnesses University of Avacal is an extension of The Sovereign and Consort of Avacal (the Coronet) intended to foster and develop the pursuit of mediaeval research and the sharing of knowledge in Avacal.

AVACAL CALENDAR

June		
2	June Coronet *	Cold Keep
9	Harrows Cross Championship Tourney	Harrows Cross
16	Silver Wolf *	Borealis
30	An Tir/West War	Gold Beach, OR
July		
21	July Coronation *	Silverhart
28	Dragonslayer *	Montengarde
August		
4	Quad War *	Myrgan Wood
4	Moorish Tavern (*tentative)	Northshield
18	Investiture *	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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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 (Deadline for applications is Aug 15/07) : 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 (Deadline for applications is Aug 15/07) : Coordinate with teachers in your area to arrange classes for local events.

Principality Chirurgeon (Deadline for applications is Aug 15/07) : 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.

Seneschal's Message

Greetings Avacal,

Congratulations to the new Heirs to the Gryphon Thrones, Their Excellencies Kvirg Ivarsson and Linnet Grimolfsdottir.

May was a very busy month, with a large group of Avacalians traveling down to An Tir's May Crown to see Sir Tiernan and Baroness Miranda become Royal Crown Prince and Princess. I attended Kingdom Curia there and was delighted to hear that Avacal was doing so well in terms of reporting and communicating with Kingdom officers. They are all such a great source of information and encouragement that keeping in contact can only help our jobs as principality officers. For those of you who are considering applying for a principality office (which I hope you all are!) it should be heartening to know that such support is available.

Well, that's it for this month. Safe travels and see you all soon!

Ever In Service—Meistress Manyra

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VII.B. Their Highnesses University of Avacal is overseen, on the behalf of The Coronets, by a Lord/Lady High Regent. The High Regent is a Principality Officer, S/He and all THUA chancellors are warranted by The Coronet. Their Highnesses University of Avacal is governed by the Twenty-Five (25) Tenets of Their Highnesses University of Avacal. These tenets can only be changed by the Coronet.

VII.C. The Coronet holds the title, Lord and Lady of the University of Avacal.

ARTICLE VIII. COLLECTION, RECORDING, AND REMITTANCE OF THE NON MEMBER SURCHARGE.

VIII.A. Branches within Avacal hosting an Official Event (defined herein as an Event advertised in the Crier, the newsletter of the Kingdom of An Tir) are required to collect, record and remit the Non Member Surcharge (NMS) **to the Avacal Exchequer** pursuant to Society, Kingdom and Avacal law **and no later than thirty (30) days from the last day the Event was held.**

VIII.B. It is the duty of the Event Steward and the Exchequer of the hosting branch to collect, record and remit the NMS payment and supporting documentation (such documentation as determined time to time by the Greater Officers of Avacal, the Seneschal and the Exchequer, acting together) within thirty (30) days of the last day the Event was held.

VIII.C. Failure of the **Event Steward and Branch Exchequer** to collect, record and remit the NMS and supporting documentation within the time limit imposed herein will result in the hosting branch being declared 'delinquent'. A delinquent branch will be barred from placing further Official Events on the Avacal Calendar until receipt of said outstanding NMS and supporting documentation. Upon receipt of both the outstanding NMS and supporting documentation, the branch will no longer be deemed delinquent and the bar from placing Official Events on the Avacal Calendar will be lifted.

Ask ACCA

From event etiquette to helpful hints let St. Acca put your fears to rest and clear the muddles from your brain.

Dear St. Acca:

I was enjoying myself at a recent outdoor event when I was reminded that my sneakers were not "period". I didn't know this person at all - they just walked by and made the comment!! What should I do?

— Badly shod and downtrod

Dear Badly:

Fear not the elusive garb critic - they will find you somewhere along your SCA life, and you have just been tagged with a helpful hint from one.

In truth, the garb critic is misunderstood and much maligned individual. Usually these folk are cursed with a vast amount of knowledge and astonishingly little tact. Authenticity has a respected place within our Society; sadly Intolerance is her unkind sibling.

In all our dealing with our fellow players in this game, exercise tolerance. Be patient and kind with the garb critic, for most are truly helpful creatures, and are usually vastly misunderstood and much maligned. Ask the person if they had any suggestions for readily available inexpensive footwear. Engage their expertise and ask their opinion.



You may find that your former garb critic with the harsh comments on your footwear becomes a new and valued friend.

— St. Acca

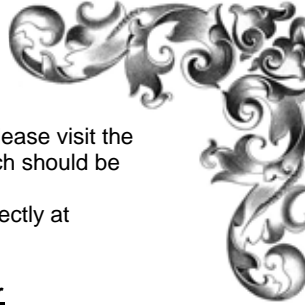
Secrets of the Principality Scribal Office Revealed: Part Three

Secrets of the Principality Scribal Office revealed : Part Three

Welcome to Part Three of Secrets of the Principality Scribal Office revealed. This month we will be addressing your questions about how to commission an original scroll or replacement charter.

For more information and the content of this and past articles, please visit the upcoming website for the College of Scribes and Illuminators - which should be launched any day now ;)

Anyone with questions is, as always, welcome to contact me directly at michelle.height@ualberta.ca



How to Commission an Original Scroll or Replacement Charter

Replacement Charters:

If something dreadful or unfixable accidentally happens to your charter, a **one-time** replacement charter may be obtained for a small fee. To do so simply contact the Principality Scribe with the following information:

- ✿ your SCA name
- ✿ the award you received
- ✿ the name of the Royals who bestowed your award and
- ✿ when (date and event) it was bestowed

The Principality Scribe will then make arrangements to acquire an appropriate blank charter and have it painted, signed and sealed. Note that since several charter designs are created for each reign, the replacement charter may not necessarily be identical to the one originally received, particularly in the case of Kingdom charters.

Original Scrolls:

Scrolls are commissioned for several reasons:

- ✿ To provide a scroll in the instance where a scroll or charter was not bestowed at the time that the award or peerage was given in court.
- ✿ To replace a charter with an original scroll reflecting the recipients personal device, name and persona or preferred style
- ✿ To replace an existing scroll or charter that is damaged

IMPORTANT!~ Please be aware that in **all** instances, the material cost of the commission and any shipping costs are paid by the recipient. The cost will vary depending on the materials you request and on the scribe who is doing your commission. This should be discussed with the scribe before commencing the scroll.

The first step is to contact the Principality Scribe. While they will not necessarily be the scribe who crafts your scroll, they must first be contacted and notified that you wish to have a scroll be done before proceeding. The Principality Scribe can then assign or recommend a scribe to complete your commission.

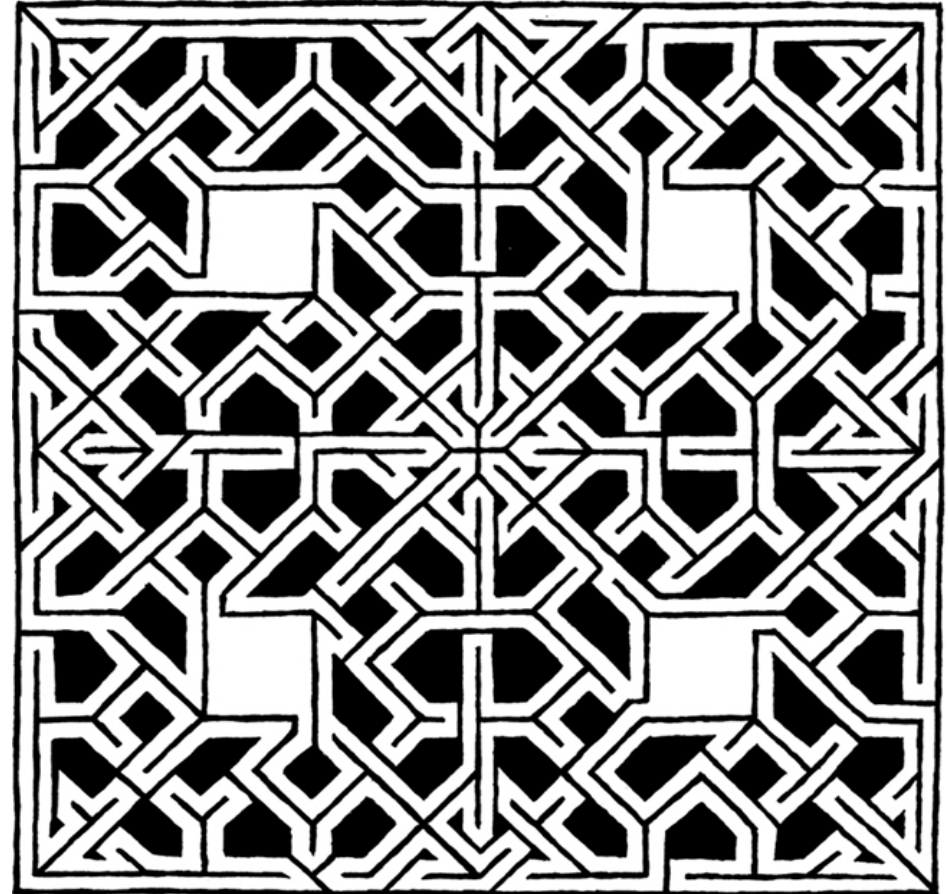
IMPORTANT!~ Even if you have already got a willing scribe in mind, all scribal commissions for Principality or Kingdom awards or peerages must be coordinated through the Principality Scribe and the College of Scribes and Illuminators.

There are several very reasonable and practical reasons for this rule:

- ✿ In order for the scroll to be "official" and be signed and sealed by the appropriate royalty there are several criteria that must be met including use of appropriate text, names and dates. It would be a shame for someone to go to all the work of crafting a scroll and have the resulting scroll be unsuitable for signatures and seal.
- ✿ If the registered heraldry and name of the recipient are used in the text and imagery of the scroll, there are several rules that must be followed for the scroll to be acceptable according to the Kingdom College of Heraldry. As above, incorrect content will make the scroll unsuitable for signatures and seal.

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Step Pattern Maze



Start in any of the four squares, pass through the other three and return to the first without retracing a path.

Riddle Me This...

Time was when I was weapon and warrior; Now the young hero hoods me with gold, and twisted silver. At times men kiss me. At times I speak and summon to battle Loyal companions. At times a courser, Bears me o'er marchland. At times a ship Bears me o'er the billows, brightly adorned. At times a fair maiden fills me with breath; At times hard and headless I lie on the board, Bereft of beauty. At times I hang Winsome on wall, richly embellished, Where revelers drink. At times a warrior Bears me on a horse, a battle adornment, And I swallow, bright-shining, the breath from his bosom.

At times with my strains I summon the heroes, Proudly to wine. At times I win back Spoil from the spoiler, with sounding voice, Put foemen to flight.

Now ask what I'm called.

Riddles from the Exeter Book. An Anthology of Old English Poetry. Charles W. Kennedy, translator. New York-- Oxford University Press 1960.

Answer:

Shield

Dragonblinder 2007/AS 42 Archery Information

In the summer of AS 42 Montengarde will host Dragonslayer (July 27-29). The choosing of our new DragonSlayer (Heavy champion) and DragonBlinder (Archery champion) will take place at this event. See the Event Copy for the site location.

It is the DragonBlinder that concerns us here. In addition to Dalton Arundel's famous roving archery shoot (an event not to be missed), there will be the DaltonBlinder Tournament, a target shoot in two parts.

First, the Championship shoot will begin at about 9:30 in the morning of July 28th. An Open shoot will begin at about 10:30 in the morning, or right after the Championship shoot has finished.

Timeline:

9:00 – Archers should be at the range to sign up for the Championship.

Hidden Treasures roving range is open at this time as well.

9:15 – TAM's will begin inspections.

9:30 – Championship tourney will begin.

10:00 – Open tourney competitors should be at the range to sign up and have gear inspected.

10:30 – Open tourney begins.

Those wishing to participate in the Open shoot need merely show up at 10:00 with a minimum of seven arrows. You will shoot the same tourney as the Championship shoot, but will not be eligible to claim the DragonBlinder Championship.

Those wishing to participate in the Championship shoot will need to keep the following in mind; -It will likely be hot weather, so have a supply of water and cool clothing with you. -You must bring a minimum of seven arrows to the shoot, and I recommend more. A full dozen in good condition is probably best. You will be required to ask the Baron and Baroness for permission to shoot. Heralds are not required. -One of your arrows will be used as your Heraldry sign, to indicate who is shooting.

As always, TAM's will be asked to help with equipment inspections, but it is the archers' responsibility to ensure that their equipment is in good shape. Loaner gear will NOT be available for this shoot. Crossbows will NOT be allowed due to mundane by-laws of the facility.

So come out and shoot! There will be a lot of archery going on this weekend, including the Championship and Open tourneys, the night shoot on the 27th, and Dalton's Hidden Treasures roving range (Do Not Miss This, it is excellent!). There will be plenty of other things going on that weekend as well, like rapier and heavy tourneys, A&S contests, a bardic tourney, a feast and many other things.

If there are any questions about the tourney, either Championship or Open, please contact me at garething at gmail dot com.

— Submitted by Gareth Stringbreaker, Montengarde DragonBlinder

Arts & Science Display at Silverwolfe

Greetings once Again....

You may remember me, My name is Sina Erdena and I am your Principality A&S Champion.

As part of my duties as Your Champion, I am moved to encourage you in your Arts and Sciences endeavours.

How do I do that? Well, it will be my honor to sponsor an A&S display at the upcoming event of Silverwolfe in Borealis. Come show your skills and talents. Don't keep hidden what we already know...that you rock!!!!!!

Hints for displays...Label your display with the item (even if you think it is obvious) and your name...so that all may revel in your glorious talent Have a comment book with a pen/pencil to allow for feedback on your wonderous creations. If you have pictures of your past creations please feel free to bring those. Just remember to label what we are looking at :)

Of course...babies that are displayed do need their mom's present ;) Love you Natalia...

Please e-mail me at cinarabeguyurdina@hotmail.com to let me know if you will be displaying and how much approx. table space you will require.

Love and Hugs—Sina Erdena, Principality A&S Champion

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✿ The Principality Scribe is responsible for tracking and recording the status of the scribal backlog. Without knowing that a commission is being done, it is possible to have duplicate commissions. What a shame that would be...

✿ It also helps the Principality Scribe be aware of who is active in the scribal community. While this is not essential to the creation of your scroll, it is very helpful to the College in growth and education and makes the Principality scribe VERY happy.

Please note that there may be many other commission requests ahead of you in the backlog and a scribe may not be available immediately to take your commission. If this is the case, your name and your request will be added to the backlog list and you will be notified as soon as an appropriate scribe becomes available. These are unique works of art and quality cannot be rushed. Please be patient, though periodic polite inquiries are more than welcome.

Once you have a scribe assigned to your commission and have a plan as to what you want your scroll to look like, you or your scribe must contact the Principality Scribe for approval of the imagery and text content. Bear in mind that your commission may not contain text or images that violate Society bylaws, Corpora or Society financial policies regardless of how hilarious you may perceive them to be. Any alternate titles or prerogatives granted by a scroll must be in accordance with Society and Kingdom policies, and must be approved by Kingdom of An Tir Black Lion Principal Herald in advance. This is an important step and will ensure that your scroll is suitable for signatures and seal and thus "official".

After your plan is approved, the scribe can proceed with crafting your beautiful new scroll.

Once all the hard work is done, all that remains is to contact the Principality Scribe about arranging for the signing and sealing of the scroll. This can take several months particularly if this is a Kingdom award so plan accordingly. If possible we prefer to have the actual royals in question sign your scroll and this takes time.

Any questions? Contact your friendly neighborhood Principality Scribe!

Next month: Recommended Materials – a reference list for scribes and illuminators.

— Submitted by Inga the Unfettered, Principality Scribe aka Gules Signet

Scriptoriums Unite!!

Are you interested in scribal arts? Want to know what they are? Always wanted to try to paint but didn't know where to start? Already a scribe, illuminator or painter? Well then we must unite! That's right; we are looking for individuals interested in running local scriptoriums.

What? You already have a scriptorium? AWESOME!!!! Please then forward me your location and times so that we may send you new victims...ah..er...I mean scribes ;)

Your Principality needs you and wants to encourage you in your scribal endeavours.

The benefits of a scheduled scriptorium. ...

✿ Well, we can then send more scribes your way ;)

✿ More assignments including Kingdom backlog scrolls may be sent your way.

✿ Teachers can plan to attend and instruct in various techniques.

✿ We can keep a regular and active list of who has what to paint.

Whether you are already in a scriptorium or not I would love to hear from you. Please send me:

✿ Your contact information, name, phone number, e-mail and branch/barony

✿ Your level of skill...ie.. beginner, intermediate, expert

✿ what your preference in painting is...ie...norse, late period, any

✿ Whether you are interested in calligraphy and/or what hands you do

✿ Do you gild your interest in design and layout

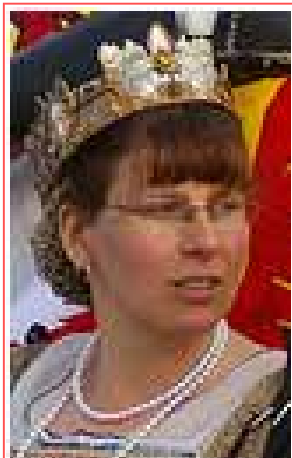
✿ What classes you would be interested in.

Please send me this info as soon as possible, even if you think I already have it ;)

Love and Hugs —Sina, Royal Scribe to Their Highnesses, Steinn and Gemma
Deputy Principality Scribe cinarabeguyurdina@hotmail.com

Selewine's Scribings

Populace Persona Piece—Featuring HH Gemma Meena



HH Gemma Meena
—Picture by Don Iain Guthrie
King's Lands Avacal

I have traveled this day to meet with the Ladyship Gemma Meena at her estate in southern France. I have arrived early and the lady is still in the sallé, teaching. I look forward to meeting this wealthy and somewhat controversial woman. She is unusual in many ways and I am eager to explore the ways in which she is shaping her world.

I am escorted to the parlour at the front of the house and invited to sit. Wine is offered and I gratefully accept a glass of cool red wine as the day is hot. The room is elegantly appointed and the large windows allow much of the bright sunshine to pour through. In the parlour you cannot hear any noises from the sallé and I am reminded of how large the house is. I am also reminded of how truly unusual it is for a woman, no a lady, to teach martial skills to other young ladies. At the time she began her school other scandals clouded over this minor one and the sword, in some form or another, has served the lady well ever since.

The Lady joins me now, dressed casually in a simple woollen gown, a deep green in colour with rich burgundy accents showing through the generously embroidered slashes on the sleeves. Her jewellery is simple, a fine gold chain with a single emerald adorns

her neck and she wears only a single simple ring. Silken slippers, also embroidered, can be seen as she walks across the room to greet me. Her mode of dress is simple, yet elegant and to see her you could not tell that she has spent the last hour in trousers with high boots, wielding a rapier. Her smile is full and welcoming and she greets me warmly. She sits across from me and we begin to converse. My first question to her was to ask how she came to be where she was, a lady alone who managed her own estate and taught swordsmanship to young women. She explained that she had been betrothed to a fairly wealthy merchant, combining two small family fortunes into a larger single one.

The betrothal merged the family futures but a future family was not to be. Shortly after her move to the estate, while on his way to their wedding, Gemma Meena's betrothed was killed in an accident. His death was a shock but the marriage contract was clear and she inherited everything. Rather than remarry immediately Gemma chose to manage her own estate openly, rather than in the background. Her scandalous behaviour may not have made her friends amongst the lesser nobility around her but has made quite an impression on the daughters of those households. She has come to like her independence and has proven herself a capable manager of her estate with almost a half dozen small tenant framers providing regular income. Her small, but growing, winery provides wine for her table and some to sell. She has also become a trader in the finer gems. She travels extensively in conducting her trade but loves those times when she can simply stay home and teach. While she is away on business she has an overseer to run the estate but while she is present she is active in all of the day-to-day decisions concerning her land and her people.

Gemma Meena has always loved to fence and her skill with a rapier is quite impressive, not her skill as a woman but her skill period. She has practiced the art of swordplay for years and now shares her skill and knowledge with others. She has scandalized the local society by teaching women but she waves that off with a laugh. No one is forced to become her student she tells me, and yet there are always more who wish to learn than she can teach. Of course the scandal of teaching women to fence makes the scandal of her chosen clothing less of an issue. For

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Dragonslayer Hidden Treasures Updates

Greetings from the Autocrat team!

Lady Tosh of the Green Cauldren is offering lunch on the Saturday of the event with the following menu!

❖ Burger.....\$ 3.00 (add cheese \$0.50)

❖ Cheese Smokie..... \$3.00

❖ Grilled Chicken Burger.....\$ 3.00

❖ Tossed salad....\$2. 50

❖ Beef Barley Soup with a homemade bun...\$3.50

❖ I will also have pop, cold bottled water and maybe coffee.....\$ 1.00 each.

Time will be from 11:00am to 2:00pm

Friday night after dark, join Lord James le Grande for his famous Night Shoot - purchase your glow sticks (3 for \$1), tape them to your arrows and shoot at blacklit targets! Nothing like tracer fire to light up the night sky!

Saturday Afternoon - Lord Ellias will be hosting his Thrown Weapons Tourney on the Archery Range - details already up on the Website!

Saturday all day - A&S Display!! Please bring your projects to show off - There will be tables set aside for an A&S display, documentation optional but a description would be nice. Beltane showed just a small taste of what this Barony's talents are - if it's your first project or your fiftieth, bring it out and please show it off!

We are still looking for volunteers for troll and lists, so please let the team know if you can help out at all.

Updates are being put up on the website on an ongoing basis - please check back often!

Thank you —Morrigan , (on behalf of the team)

Dragonslayer Bardic Championship

Greetings My Lords and Ladies of Montengarde,

This is to announce that the First Bardic Championship of Montengarde will indeed be held at Dragonslayer this year. In the planning for the event, we will need to know in advance how many competitors to expect and what type of performance they wish to enter so that we may find proper judges for the event.

So for all who wish to enter this competition and vie for the title of Bardic Champion of Montengarde please contact either myself or the Minister of Arts and Sciences with a statement of intent to enter.

Those who would be interested in acting as judges for the competition may also contact us.

The tournament layout will be announced at a later date, once the planning committee has an idea of what to expect.

That being said, for those who wish to help plan the championship but are not competing, the committee is looking for volunteers to help out. It is open to everyone, so you don't necessarily need a background in bardic to join.

Again for those who are interested, please contact either myself, or the Minister of Arts and Sciences. Contact information is below:

Bardic Deputy of Montengarde: Gelis An Ceol, E-mail: Loclif@shaw. ca

Minister of Arts and Sciences: Findabhair na Noinini, E-mail: noinini@telus. net

More information on the Championship will be posted in the forth coming weeks.

Montengarde has many talented bards, so I would hope to see a large turn out. The Championship will not be limited to just music and instrumental performances, any type of performing art is welcome (Storytelling, Dancing, Juggling, Magic, just to name a few.) and the more the merrier!

Thank you, YIS—Gelis An Ceol, Bardic Deputy of Montengarde

Quad War Merchants (So Far)

Merchants can register with the Merchant Co-ordinator, L Schmett Yrlynska (306-843-2251 No calls after 10pm please) or use the Merchant Pre-registration form at http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar/merchants_prereg.htm

Clothing

Dark Opal Designs

Description: Shirts, Tunics, Pants, Dresses, Jackets, Turkish wear, Custom pieces available to order.

SCA Name: N'Talia Hatun bint Ramazan al-Rashid

MKA Name: Ronnie/Tracy Leer

E-Mail: tracy@darkopaldesigns.com

Webpage: www.darkopaldesigns.com

HL Lina Joya

Description of Wares:

Shirts, chemises, ren dresses, sideless surcoats, tunics.

SCA Name: HL Lina Joya of Grantham Keep

Contact Information

Phone: 306- 249- 1257

Email: pixster@sasktel.net

Galeana Nicolletti

Description of Wares:

Clothing for all Lords & Ladies Boots, Hats & More

Contact Information

Phone: 780-962-6547

Email: creationsbygail@shaw.ca

Sundrys

Thor's Gear

Description of Wares:

Viking supplies and leather crafting, pouches, furs, camping supplies, shoes, etc

SCA Name: Lord Thorgeir Ingvarsson

Contact Information

Phone: 403-589-5622

Email: sales@thorsgear.org

Lilith Le Perdue

Description of Wares:

Handcrafted: Jewellery, knit goods (socks, etc.), leather pouches & water/wine skins. Olive oil soap from Damascus Commercial: Historically accurate horn ware, wood ware, and miscellaneous camp goods. Small selection of belly dance items (coin bras & belts, dance swords).

Contact Information

Phone: (250) 812-2264

Email: noidlehands@telus.net

Lost Arrow Archery

Description of Wares:

Custom Longbows, arrows, leathercraft, viking sundries & accessories.

SCA Name: Adam & Linda

Contact Information

Phone: 306 384 6617

Email: adbeck@hotmail.com

Webpage:

Publish Contact Info to webpage: Yes

Games

Pasty Tymes Diversions

Description of Wares:

Period Games, Playing Cards, and Dice

SCA Name: Morgan ap Hugh and umm Bishr

Contact Information:

Phone: (306) 775-3759

Email: jamespark@accesscomm.ca

Potters

lesabel the Potter

Description of Wares:

Pottery, Weapons, and misc.

Contact Information

Phone: (780) 672-0849

Email: jempot@telus.net

Food

The Green Cauldron

Description of Wares: Quad War Meal Plans are as follows:

Wed Supper to Monday Breakfast:\$75.00

Thursday Breakfast to

Monday Breakfast:\$69.00

Friday Breakfast to Monday Breakfast:\$50.00

Saturday Breakfast

to Monday Breakfast:\$35.00

If you have an allergy to any foods please let me know. I will also have some gluten free products as well.

SCA Name: Lady Nataschja Tosh the Cook

Contact Information: Email: TheGreenCauldron@shaw.ca

Blacksmiths

Chokecherry Forge

Description of Wares:

knives, spears, arrowheads, portable holes, tent stakes, axes, and general blacksmithwork.

SCA Name: Schmett

Contact Information

Phone: 306 843 2251

Email: jmg@sasktel.net

Webpage: www.chokecherryforge.com

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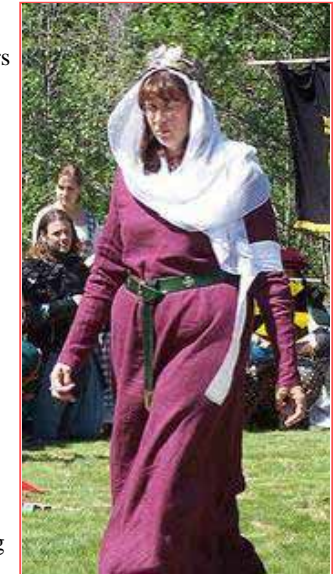
teaching and for travelling she tends to wear high boots, trousers and doublets, reserving the gowns and dresses for times when she can be more relaxed. This lady is not your typical wealthy middle class woman, she has taken the best of times and embraced them with passion, becoming an openly successful women in a society ruled by men. Her life has been hard perhaps, but she confidently tells me she would change nothing.

We move on to speak of other things and I find that Gemma Meena does not worry about things that other women might. I ask her about the food she eats and she laughs. "Whatever the cooks sends out" she tells me. A glass of wine and pleasant conversation make it all good. When she travels she does so dressed as a man for the sake of convenience and safety. She wears her sword and has had occasion to show others that she knows how to use it. It is not safe to travel alone as a woman and dressing as a man offers an increased level of protection. She travels by horseback or coach and usually has at least one guard and one attendant with her, more when she is on a trading trip, rather than just travelling for pleasure.

We walk out into the garden, filled with bright flowers and carefully trimmed hedges and trees. A fountain and some small sculptures add character to the area and we sit in the shade where we are served another glass of wine and some pastries fresh from the kitchen. Some late cherries and apricots are also offered and we share the refreshments before returning to the house. The entry to the house is large, marble floors and bright candelabra greet you as you come in. The parlour is off to the side with a formal dining room opposite. The kitchen is small but well laid out and there is a withdrawing room with games and comfortable seating behind the stairs. The stairs lead up to the family area where the bedrooms and dressing rooms are. The furniture is elegant but less numerous than I would have expected. The rooms are comfortable and well lit, fireplaces promise warmth when the weather turns. We descend the stairs and walk down the corridor past the withdrawing room to the sallé, by far the largest room in the house. The floor is made of a pale wood, clean and buffed but not polished. There are large mirrors on one wall and a very large collection of swords decorate the other. This is clearly a work room and I am honoured to be invited into it. Two young ladies are sparring in the middle of the floor and, ever the teacher, Gemma Meena begins to correct their form and stance. I realize that I have lost her in that moment and make a less than lavish farewell; listening to her corrections to her students as the footman preceded me to the door. Truly a unique and inspiring lady, this sword wielding, gem trading, estate managing woman so many years ahead of her time.

—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"



HH Gemma Meena—
Picture by Beothuk



HH Gemma Meena—from the
Myrgan Wood Website

Avacal Curia Minutes—June 3, 2007

Recording: HE Morrigan

Present:

HH Steinn	HH Gemma	Manyra
Raoul Delaroch	Inga the Unfettered	Caitilin
Brynach ap Rhys	Annys	Vik Vikingsson
HE Kvigir Ivarsson	Gabrielle	Brigit
HE Linett Grimolfsdottir	Beothuk	Sadb
Natalia	Wilma the Still	Jarjiradai
Khudukha	Dietrich von Kleeve	

Call to Order: Manyra called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. June 3, 2007

Approval of Previous Minutes: As published in the March 2007 edition of the Avantgarde.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes: None.

Avacal Medieval Recreation Association (AMRA): Manyra presented the proposed directors to Curia and asked if there were any issues surrounding their appointment.

Proposed directors are: Keri-Anne Lawton, Judith Harrison, Dezzrienne Windecker, Dave Smith and AJ Whalen.

Gemma/Sadb

TO accept the directors as presented.

CARRIED

Manyra discussed AMRA changing banks from the CIBC to the TD bank.

Inga/Brigit

TO authorize the switchover of banks.

CARRIED

OFFICER REPORTS:

NMS Deputy – All groups are up to date on NMS submissions once the last cheques are sent out. Reminder to everyone to remember to use the NMS submission forms.

Warrants – Warrants are up to date.

Development Officer – Officers are creating handbooks for their individual office.

Calendar – Brigit is seeking a deputy to take over in 2008 and asked all to put the word out. Due to additional rules and other changes she wants some time to train the person properly before stepping down. The rotation of events is getting up to speed and confirmed that June Coronet would be held in Cold Keep next year. Groups are getting their paperwork in promptly as well.

Exchequer – Kalira is interim and Dezzrienne will be taking over and Agnete is the branch exchequer liaison and working closely with Kingdom. Change of officer forms to be signed after Curia.

Herald – Annys explained due to new society wide rules regarding naming conventions, the registering of Avacal's awards has resulted in a few changes from small to substantive differences. Nine new award names are ready for submission, requiring the Prince and Princess' signature as well as the Seneschal.

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Quad War A&S War Point

The A&S War Point at Quad War will be based on the following:

Largesse Competition: The populace will choose the winner and runner-up during a blind competition on Saturday and Sunday. All items pre 17th Century that are small and easy to transport are welcome. A brief description of 'what, 'when' and 'who' would be excellent but is not necessary. As with all largesse, please avoid food, drink and scented items as well as large or fragile items.

This contest is judged blind so please bring the labels with your SCA name and Branch separately so they can be reattached after the competition closes. All items entered will be contributed to largesse.

...and back by popular demand...

Siege Cooking Contest: The time has come to parley and your liege has invited the enemy to dine. Your challenge is to give the impression that the castle larders and pantries are still full, and can withstand being under siege for several more months, with the fanciest meal you can produce.

You will receive an assortment of unknown ingredients on Saturday morning and judging will occur later in the afternoon (time and locations to be determined closer to the event). You may bring ONE additional ingredient.

Entries will be judged on period presentation, taste and creative use of the ingredients. Bonus points will be awarded for the number of different ingredients used and the number of dishes presented (maximum of three).

Please register for the Siege Cooking Contest before July 22, 2007.

Submitted by —L Agnete von Freiburg (Amanda Farries)
amandafarries@sasktel.net (306) 664-6451



Call for Teachers for Quad War

This is the first (polite) request for teachers for Quad War! (Next time, I will just start harassing people! lol! Trust me...i can be VERY annoying...err. .I mean...persuasive.)

Think of the glory! Think of the prestige! Think of the Fame!! Ok, now...TEACH!! ! :)

If anyone is interested in teaching a class at Quad, please email me! Or, if anyone has ideas for classes they wish to see, email me! If anyone wants to register to teach a class, please email me... Basically, just email me!!

I am looking for an assortment of classes to offer this year, and need YOUR help! Please give me an hour or more of your time, and share the knowledge and expertise with others who are eager to learn!! Please don't make me hunt you down! ;)

Yours in service—HL A'isha Rayhana al-Karim —Quad War class Organizer



Children's Activities for Quad War

Notre Cher People,

The Quad War Children's Programme will be known this year as the Gryphon's Nest.

We will have a wide range of classes and activities for those 18 and under. Activities will be broken down into age groups as follows: Hatchlings 0-2. Nestlings 3-5, Gryphlets 6-8, Gryphlings 9-12, Fledglings 13-18, and Gryphons 15-18 There will be viking whip cording, period face painting, archery, numerous classes and other activities. We have had a very positive response from volunteers so far. We do however need two adults with the children at all times. Feel free to come and spend an hour in the Gryphon's Nest. Help "supervise" a class, Space is limited however due to supplies so please contact Helene at helene-charesse@gmail.com if you want to do more than observe a class. Here is the web address with more information and pre-registration. <http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar/children.htm>

Merci—HE Hélène Charesse, Baronne of Myrgan Wood

From the Principality Chronicler

Ya Hala,

Congratulations to Their Excellencies Kvigir Ivarsson and Linnet Grimolfsdottir. Thank you to Askell and Beothuk, as well as Don Iain Guthrie for the use of some wonderful photos from this event. Thank you also to Meistress Manyra for taking subscriptions, and to HE Morrigan for taking Curia minutes in my absence.

An increase in subscription costs for the Avantgarde was approved at the June Curia—the cost for new subscriptions is now \$2/year for the e-copy and \$25/year for hardcopies. This will cover the increase in production expenses over the last several years, and hopefully for a few years to come. All will still receive a quality product in return for their money spent, thus this issue is once again full to the brim with wonderful articles from Avacalians, mandatory business such as event copy, calls for officers, officer and branch listings, the Laws of Avacal and the June Curia minutes. To top the issue off are a few things just for fun—a step maze (if you've ever done step calligraphy you'll appreciate this one) and a riddle—this time I didn't forget to include this!

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Interesting Links (no, not chainmail...)

Everybody wins!

There are a few more details about the event up on the site, as well as the advanced registration forms. See you there!

<http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar/>

Submitted by —Baronne Roxanne Delaroche, Quad War Autocrat

Quad Injuries Big or Small—Will Help with All!

Good Day to All:

Like you, I am very happy to see Quad looming around the corner. It's hard to believe that another year has passed. Wow. You know how in depth you are when you tell time by what the next event is!!! I just wanted to let the populace know, that I am your Chirurgeon in Training and will be at the site that weekend. So any injuries, no matter how big or small, I'll be able to help you out. I'll be wearing a red baldric with the white symbol of a drop of blood on it. Most people know me so I won't be hard to hunt down. I'm trying to find someone who would be so kind to pass along any ideas they might have.

Thanks so much. See you there. — Litton

Call for Field Marshals for Quad War

Greeting Marshals and Want to be Marshals of Avacal,

We would like to officially ask for volunteers for field Marshalling at Quad War this year. We are looking for Non-combatant Marshals at the moment willing to assist in field marshalling. Also if you are a non-combatant but not a marshal and would like to assist in the marshalling process then please contact us and we'll see what we can do to have you help in any way possible.

If interested in: (Contact)...

Armoured Marshalling: (Kvigir Ivarsson kvigir_ivarsson@ hotmail . com) (remove spaces)

Combat Archery Marshalling: (Robert of Clan Gunn rms210@mail. usask . ca)

Rapier Marshalling: (Raoul Delaroche dandt.walker@ sasktel . com)

Please leave your name, your marshalling level, and for how long you would be willing to marshal for (i.e. All day, Only for half the day, unsure).

—HE Kvigir Ivarsson, Quad War Armored Coordinator

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Manyra/Inga

TO approve funds in the amount of \$150.00 to submit the new awards to Kingdom Black Lion. CARRIED

Annys discussed the need to have registered awards as one requirement for moving towards Kingdom status, as well as the setting up of a Heraldic College. She will discuss with Black Lion more about adapting the Avacal format. Discrepancies between the Avacal OP and the Kingdom OP were raised. Annys suggested keeping herself and Mordecai in the loop by having the group heralds cc them as appropriate when submitting award information.

Scribe – Inga advised the new website is uploaded (thanks Raoul!) that had a lot of good information on it – mirrors the handbook. Mistress Cina is taking over in November as Inga has been doing that job for four years. Not a huge backlog and there is lots of scribal activity, however we are getting low on paper and sealing wax.

Beothuk/Sadb

TO authorize funds to buy scribal paper. CARRIED

Manyra/Natalia

TO approve funds to buy sealing wax. CARRIED

Regalia – HH Gemma raised the issue of the new coronets. Tenders for design ideas will be solicited from the populace – Vik agreed to make the new coronets once a design has been approved. Vik will also make a number of Silver Gryphons prepared so Regalia will have a stockpile of them. All Avacal regalia has been photographed by Beothuk and is uploaded on his Flickr site. Jarjaradai will obtain from Baroness Ulla (Kingdom Chamberlain) the Kingdom checklist, which Avacal will adapt for our purposes.

Chatelaine - The chatelaine handbook is finalized for use throughout the Principality and for Kingdom approval, based largely on the Montengarde model. It was 'test driven' over the weekend and was very successful. Natalia distributed digital copies.

Chronicler – The handbook, written by Manyra is complete – it just needs Royal approval. Umm Bishr wishes to raise the cost of the Avantgarde. Suggested officers send in policy information for the Avantgarde – thanks to Inga for providing the scribal information in last issue.

umm Bishr/Beothuk

TO raise the price of the Avantgarde from \$1 to \$2 dollars for the electronic copy and \$25 form \$20 for the hard copy. CARRIED

Web Master – Raoul advised that SCA Inc. is working on new web policies, requiring the officer to be warranted and imposing some restrictions on content. He advised that www.avacal.ca is being signed over to us by Lars. Migration of the Avacal site from the antir.avacal.sca.org. site over to Avacal.ca will commence soon. Nick Dolphin will keep Avacal.net Branches can still host on that site but it will contain no official Avacal information on it.

A&S - The new officer is Gabrielle of the Leaf and Sadb will be interim THUA chancellor for six months. Sadb is trying to get the A&S files from Ceis still. She has created an electronic A&S report. The Laurels will help host an A&S display at Investiture, where Gabrielle is also the autocrat. Gabrielle has lots of ideas, including tying in the need for regalia with A&S projects and sending out a quarterly newsletter to keep officers updated.

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Bardic and Games - Happening all over the Principality.

MoS – Manyra reported on behalf of Haakon advised that authorizations are going smoothly. Caitilin advised that Squires and Cadets tourney results will be posted shortly (in the next couple of days). Ivar has volunteered to create a working database of authorized fighters – says it will be ‘fun’.

Rapier – Gemma reported on behalf of Billy B that reporting is going well but he needs copies of branch reports. Otherwise incidents occur and Billy doesn’t see them until he gets the report at the end of the quarter, some time after the incident occurred. Kingdom has removed the grasping policy, which will help maintain safety.

Archery – Brynach said archery is going very well, everyone is reporting regularly and scores are being sent in. This morning had 17 archers on the line enjoying a fun challenging shoot. No injuries and a good time had by all.

Brynach discussed the Avacal top five pewter medallions given out at 12th night and wished to ensure funds to commission additional ones.

Manyra/Sadb

TO approve funds up to \$50 for the creation of Avacal Archery Medallions

CARRIED

Warlord – (not present) War, war, war and more war to come.

Constable – Kingdom has suspended all constable duties. Event safety is up to the autocrat of each event. The handbook is being revisited.

Chirurgion - Manyra advised that the office is being revisited and we still require surgeons.

THUA – Sadb is interim chancellor for six months. She is going through the tenants. Apparently there are lots of files to go through, as in boxes. Her goal is to get Avacal’s educational system up and running again, compile a database of teachers and make learning easy and fun. All classes at Quad War will be THUA classes

Prince and Princess – Gemma said thanks to their strong seneschal they have had very few issues to deal with. Their Highnesses then discussed putting the infrastructure in place to move towards Kingdom status – registering our awards and creating the handbooks for all the officers. Avacal has enjoyed huge growth, but the poll Stragin put forward illustrated how uninvolved the populace is with how Avacal is administered. Discussion ensued as to how to foster interest in the future of Avacal and keep communication open. We do have a lot of support at Core for our ambitions. The Kingdom officers are afforded a US tax break on travel, thus they are very willing to come up and share their knowledge. Gemma spoke about the need to remember we are unique, but we are still An Tiran and our ties are strong so lets still travel to core and foster those relationships. Wilma stated that wherever she travels, she meets her extended family.

Manyra/Sadb

TO adjourn meeting at 9:45

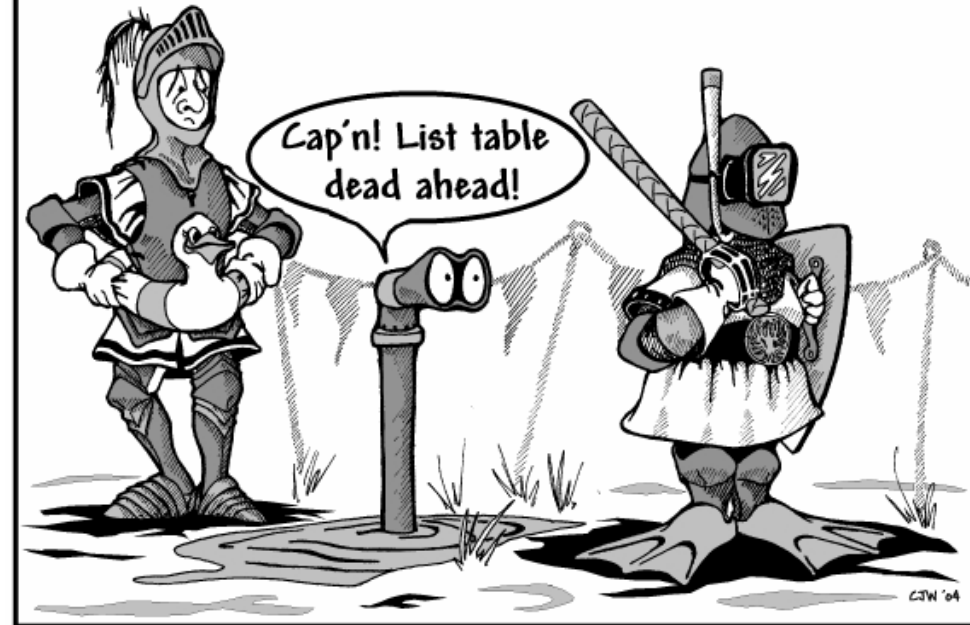
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MEETING ADJOURNED

Cat's Meow

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