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From The Gryphon Thrones:

Greetings Avacal from Vik and Inga, your Prince and Princess

Strong thanks to the people of Sigelhundas for hosting our Investiture. It was extremely enjoyable for us both to be among so many friends and to take fealty from all who attended. We would especially like to thank the bardic participants who sang the night away. Congratulations to Geoffrey the Pretty and Wernar the Wild, Our new archery and heavy champions. We look forward to their assistance in keeping our courts short.

Discussion in both Noble Estates and Curia have reinforced the need for strong officers at all levels of Our Principality. We require all officers to follow proper procedures and report. Such a small item on the official side greatly eases Our work and We thank those who do (and especially thank those who make it entertaining as well).

We would like to remind the populace that Our recognition of deeds depends on their information. We would appreciate all members of Avacal advising Us during our time on the thrones, especially with regard to awards.

We hope all in Avacal are enjoying the fruits of their labours and preparing for the harvest season. Our tax collectors will be by in the next few months to collect in order that We may feast and banquet as the tourney season draws to a close.

Vik and Inga,
Prince and Princess

Their Highnesses Royal Progress (Tentative)

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

Harvest Feast - Sept 11

Michaelmas - Sept 18

Birthday Bash - Sept 25

Vinfest - Oct 2

Myrganwood Anniversary - Oct 9

Samhain - Oct 23

Bop and Die - Nov 20

Coronet - Nov 27

Yule Feast - Dec 4

Rants & Ramblings from the Regent

Greetings unto all the populace of Avacal,

Congratulations to Their Highnesses, Vik & Inga, upon Their investiture, may Their reign be glorious and peaceful (except for a few well deserved wars and tourneys).

There are several forthcoming events which will include THUA classes, please mark your calendars for Harrow's Cross Renaissance/Rapier Collegium (Chancellors Dyrfinna & Jocatta), for Montengarde's Samhain (Chancellor Dyrfinna), and Borealis' Coronet (Chancellor Ann Fawkes). Please contact the chancellors if you would like to teach, or have requests for specific classes, or are in need of other information.

Registration for these events will be primarily by online brochures & forms. If you do not have access to a computer either through a friend or library, then please contact the relevant chancellor by Canada Post mail. It would be appreciated if you would not attempt to register by phone because of the workload and disruption this places on chancellors. Thank you for this consideration. Hopefully the online registration will be working smoothly for September 15; status announcements will be posted on the Circus and elsewhere. The bookmark is: <http://www.avacal.net/university/events> .

The Ren/Rapier Collegium will be featuring late period classes in costuming, bardic and dance, persona development, history and culture, and of course rapier combat. There will also be a stream of general classes offered. I urge you to strongly support this event: as well as our always generous and skilled local instructors, a number of teachers are traveling from the coast to share their knowledge with you. I thank the members of Harrow's Cross for their hospitality in presenting this event and for the grand feast and revel they have planned.

Just a week later is a one day extravaganza featuring a masked ball at Montengarde's Samhain. Look for classes in mask making, etiquette, and dance to compliment this gala affair.

Regarding the Avacal Directory, correction and updating of the database will begin on September 15 in conjunction with THUA class registrations (or contact directly <http://www.avacal.net/university/directory>); a username and password system will be incorporated to protect individual access to personal information and student records, and detailed provision will be made for designating "Do Not Publish". There will be a delay from when you specify a

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Theme Feast November 20, 2004

Bordergate Cold Lake, AB

A Taste of the Crusades.

A true Arabic feast will be presented for your dining pleasure featuring foods from Syria and Palestine. Dinner will begin with a traditional Meza (selection of Arab salads and appetizers), followed by hearty chicken and lamb dishes, soup, breads, and of course, delectable sweets.

A cookbook featuring the dishes of this feast will be available at the event as well.

There will be other events to satisfy your entertainment itch. "A Taste of the Crusades" will be featuring our ever popular and sought out Adeline's Bop'N'Die.

These pursuits of amusement can be found in the Shire of Bordergate on the 20 day of November in the mundane year of 2004. The site will open at 12pm on Saturday and close at midnight.



This event will be taking place in the Cherry Grove Hall (no address): those coming through Alberta take highway 28 N&E through Bonnyville and turn right onto highway 55 East and follow signs, from Saskatchewan come to Alberta through Pierceland and follow Alberta highway 55 and then follow the signs.

The cost of this event will be \$5 site only (members), \$9 site only (non-members \$4 NMS), \$13 feast & site (members), \$17 (non-members), ages 12-16 yrs half price (no non member fee) and under 12 years is free. Make cheques payable to "CSCA Canton of the Lakelands"

If you have any questions about the dinner, or food allergy/sensitivity concerns, please contact the Feastocrat Lady Lillith (aka: Eda Birch) via e-mail at noidlehands@telus.net or (780) 812-7853.

To reserve your spot contact the Autocrat Ceridwen (aka: Caryn Johnson) via e-mail at johnsoncaryn@hotmail.com 109W 5304-54th Ave Cold Lake, AB T5M 2P6 or Co-Autocrat Lady Marina Caminante (aka: Louise Johnson) by phone at (780) 639-4963.

Skull n' Crossbones Tavern November 13, 2004

Seigelhundas Regina, SK

AVAST YE LUBBERS AN' SEA
DOGS! PAY HEED TO THESE 'ERE
WORDS!

'Tis time once again for the Skull 'n Crossbones Tavern to open her doors to the scum and villains of the Seas of Avacal (and all others interested in drinkin' too!).

Remember: there are NO Pirates in Avacal, but if there were, this is where they gather once a year!

On this November, the 13th day, a Saturday, the Tavern will open for her sixth run at 1:00 pm in the fair Shire of Sigelhundas (Regina, SK). Site closes at midnight. The place of the Tavern is St. Luke's Hall on 3233 Argyle Road., Regina, SK S4S 2B5

'Tis suggested that everyone try to be somewhat nautical in appearance but 'tis not necessary. After all, not everyone can look as good as a Pirate, and we be needin' someone ta rob on the way home!

Besides the usual drinkin' that tends to go on at things like this, there will be a few contests as well, them bein' announced at a later date (meanin' I ain't thot of 'em yet).

Tavern entry fee shall be a paltry 8 gold for those not wishing to eat. If yer comin' to eat, its gonna cost ya 14 gold. Non-members kin add 4 gold to those prices. Wee ones (under 12) are in for 4 gold and can eat for 7 gold.

Them wee ones under 5 be free. Make cheques payable to QCSCA

The Tavern has an actual cook agin, an the food will be homemade beef stew, bread fer dippin', to be followed by a dessert of some sort or ta other!

I hears that there be a few of ye out there who like the taste of rum..... If ye be coming, let me know and I'll have a bottle of it waiting for ye.

The Tavern Keeper welcomes anyone who has gold to spend with open arms so stop by if yer not doing anything or if yer just travelin' through! It's a good time for all! (Just ask them what survived last year!)

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username/password till it becomes effective due to the need for verification. Please bear with this as it is a necessary part of the setup procedure. Those presently included in the THUA database will be sent a temporary username/password which they can change online when updating.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone again of THUA policies as regards the Avacal Directory. The directory listings are for the use of SCA participants for personal communications; they may not be used for any political, religious, or commercial purposes. The Avacal directory listings will never be sold or given to any interests other than the executive of the SCA for direct official SCA related purposes. It is the policy of THUA to not knowingly publish personal information for any minor without written parental approval. Any participant may request that their personal contact information be withheld in whole or in part from all future publications. Please do not copy the email listings in order to mass mail SCA participants even if you are a SCA branch wishing only to promote your event. Spam is still spam even when well intended. There are other methods available such as the newsgroups (Circus, etc.) to which gentles have subscribed because they wish to receive these general postings; if they have not, then please respect their privacy and personal wishes. I remind you all that the Avacal Directory is a fundraiser for THUA and I thank you for your continued support on behalf of the University.

Yours in service to Avacal,
Lord Ezekiel Hrafnklo
THUA High Regent
"Coniunctim Vinciemus"

Musings from the Chronicler:

Greetings Avacal!

Well, I've signed on for another 2 years as Chronicler. Luckily, my work keeps getting easier as more people send stuff in to publish. Thank you for sending my your news, announcements and articles. Don't forget I also need artwork! I'm starting to run out of clip art.

One of my goals this term is to create a Chronicler's Handbook for Avacal. I am hoping to have a more practical guide than just listing SCA policy—more like how to create a newsletter, layout, take minutes—basically how to fulfill the job description. Hence, I am asking past and present chroniclers to help me out—what would you like to see in a handbook. What did you learn in your time in office that you wished someone had told you from the start? I'd welcome any input.

Ever in Service
The Lady Manyra.

Royal Summons for Principality Officers:

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

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

Principality Calendar: The Principality Calendar is responsible for the orderly scheduling of events within the Principality. He or she works to make sure that branch events do not conflict with Kingdom events (Coronations, Crowns, etc.), Principality events or with events in the local area. The Principality Calendar Deputy receives the forms which are required in order to hold official events. These forms, called the Date Reservation Form and the Event Information Form can be found on the Avacal website and at each branch seneschal. He or she also ensures those events are listed in the appropriate newsletters and websites.

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

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

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

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

NMS and Waiver Deputy: This is a new deputy of the Principality Seneschal's Office and the duties will include communicating with the Kingdom NMS Coordinator and all Avacal branches, keeping up to date with any changes to the Non-member Surcharge policy, overseeing the submissions monies from of qualifying events, and ensuring that waivers are being correctly utilized at events and that they are submitted to Kingdom in a timely

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Ferrets Feast November 6, 2004

This event will take place at the Wildlife Hall (behind the Town and Country Mall) 1396 3rd NE Moose Jaw, SK (no postal code available)

The doors open at 10 am and close at 1 am.

Gold Key lunch 11am - 3pm (no set price just a \$ donation)

Avacal Law Book on display during the afternoon

Feast starts at 6:30 pm

Bard in a box onsite for dancing after the feast

Merchants are welcome (if possible please prebook your table)

Troll fees : pre-registered Adult \$15 , Non member surcharge (NMS) \$4 , children 7-16 years of age \$7 , infants 0-7 years of age .50 per year of age
At the door: Adult \$20 , NMS add \$4
Make cheques payable to:"MJSCA"

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Saturday and Sunday and run the entire day. The Feast shall begin at 6PM Saturday evening. Lunch shall be served at 12 noon both days.

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The Shire of Valley Wold Moose Jaw , Sask

After revel at Lord Richard Tallons house mka David Pomedli 806 3rd Ave NW

Sunday brunch : Seasons Cafe and Eatery in the Heritage Inn at the top of Main street 1590 main street North (306) 693-7550 reserved under the name SCA 11am - 2pm
adults \$10.95 , Seniors \$9.99 , Children 6-12 years \$6.95, under 5 years free. prices do not include tax or coffee or pop .

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Samhain October 23, 2004

Join us in a joyous celebration of the last harvest, a time when the Sidhe walk, spirits flow and spines tingle. A time when things are not always what they seem. Welcome to a renaissance masquerade.

The doors swing wide at 11:00 am at the Wildwood Community hall with many activities through out the day. The good people of our barony will share their talents in the fall harvest arts and science displays. You can participate in mask making classes that will cloak your identity in mystery for the nights activities. The Pied Piper will lead the children in traditional games.

Samhain martial events are sure to bring out the finest our realm. You will have a chance to participate in Archery, Rapier, and Heavy Tournaments all with a dark twist.

Dress in your finest court garb and new masks for the masquerade ball, it is surely to be the highlight of the event. The Ball begins at 7:00pm and the Elizabethan and Renaissance period dancing soon after.

Share the bounty of the harvest by bringing your finest finger foods to share. If your last name begins with A-M bring "The Sweet" (desserts). If you are a N-Z bring "The Savory" (appetizers).

For more information visit:
<http://www.montengarde.org>

Fees: For Adults 8\$, Youth (6-16) 4\$, and children under 6 free
Note that 4\$ non-member surcharge in effect

Barony of Montengarde Calgary, AB

Make Cheques Payable to "MSCA"

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Site Info: The event will take place at Wildwood Community Hall, 4411 Spruce Drive SW, Calgary, AB
Hall Web site
<http://www.calgarycommunities.com/communities/CA's/wildwood.htm>

Directions:
From the North: take Deerfoot Trail (HWY 2) Southbound to 16Ave N (Trans Canada Hwy 1), take West Bound 16 Ave N to Crowchild Trail South, take Crowchild Trail south to Bow Trail, the exit is just after the Bridge over the Bow River (right), take Westbound Bow Trail to 45 St SW, head north (right) on 45 ST SW and turn Right on Spruce Dr.

From the South: take Deerfoot (HWY 2) North to (eastbound) Glenmore Trail (HWY 8) to Sarcee Trail, Head North to Bow Trail (right turn), take East bound Bow Trail to 45 St SW, head north (left) on 45 ST SW and turn Right on Spruce Dr.

From the West: take the Trans Canada (Hwy 1) to Sarcee Trail South (Just Past Olympic park), head south to Bow Trail (left at the lights), take East bound Bow Trail to 45 St SW, head north (left) on 45 ST SW and turn Right on Spruce Dr.

And look for the SCA signs as well

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fashion. Deputy will report to the Principality Seneschal. Any one interested in this position should send their applications to Their Highnesses with a copy to the Principality Seneschal.

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

August Investiture Squire Tourney Results

Hrogn took most fights with 87 matches. He also tied with Wernar the Wild for most wins with 53.
Ogedi was granted the most chivalric prize. Congrats to the winners and all participants for a well-fought tourney.

Court Reports

The following awards were given out:

At August Investiture AS XXXIX
In the court of Murchad and Morigan
AoA John Fawkes (Borealis)
AoA Ann Fawkes (Borealis)
PKnot Wilma the Still (Montengarde)
PKnot Kaarina Svantentytär (Montengarde)
PFavor Gemma Meena of Cur Elmo's Keep
PFavor Kathryn Inghean Maunaigh Prince Vik Vikingson
Princess Inga the Unfettered

In the court of Vik and Inga
Viscount Murchad mac Artgal
Viscountess Morigan Clubfoot

Champion Sword Wernar the Wild
Champion Arrow Geoffrey the Pretty (Montengarde)
Iron Maul Kviger (Myrgan Wood)
Iron Arrow Elias Silver (Montengarde)
Elder Einar Vikingsson
Elder Malabar Membro Spaccata

Hazzah to all recent award recipients.
For the complete Avacal OP please visit:
http://members.shaw.ca/rslansky1/avacal_herald/
Any corrections or updates can be sent to Master Mordecai Avacal OP Deputy at rslansky1@shaw.ca

Costuming Tips from Avacal Circus

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

2004-08-08 Re: Keep a projects notebook (2004-07-10)

I do this when quilting. If appropriate, put a photo in your book too when finished. If you then give the garment away (or if it was for someone else), you will have something to remember it by. Also, if you are then designing something for someone else, they can have a portfolio of your work to browse through.

If you don't like the garment when done (sometimes I find this out halfway through a quilt), you can mark this down as well. If it was difficult to work with certain fabrics or you think it would have worked better with different fabric, mark this down too. If you remember where you got your fabric, note this down as well—perhaps you got an incredible deal on wool (or silk, or whatever) and if you were to construct it again, it would be financially impossible with the current price of fabric.

Brynna of Axewater, Montengarde

2004-07-15 What to do with scraps

So you've made something wonderful; now what do you do with the leftovers?

I keep pieces bigger than roughly 6" x 6", or whatever is useful for the particular type of fabric.

I'm a bit of a neat freak so I actually enjoy tidying my scraps away. I fold up scraps of a single type of fabric and roll it up into a cylinder, like they do at the

fabric stores with bolt ends, then secure with an elastic. I like to include the receipt or a scrap of paper that states the fabric type/fibre content (or my best guess) and when I bought it (so I know just how long it's been "curing"). You could write the price too and pat yourself on the back for finding such a good deal. I keep all the bundles in a tote bin.

Here are some thoughts for what to actually use the fabric for:

- * pouches
- * favours
- * corsets
- * late period lace-on sleeves
- * fabric buttons (esp. on cotehardies)
- * trim/embellishment, including strips (alone or in conjunction with purchased trim) (esp. Viking, Norman, and Coptic tunics), heraldic designs
- * tote bags; drawstring bags of all sizes, e.g. for shoes; bags to hide modernity
- * headgear, e.g. Viking hat (esp. wool), Jorvik Viking cap (esp. white linen), chaperon/hood (esp. leftovers from a semicircular cloak)
- * facings for necklines, either hidden inside or visible as a contrast on outside of garment (e.g. Norman tunics)
- * drawstrings
- * napkins (esp. cotton, linen)
- * practising individual techniques or mock-ups of full garments
- * developing a pattern for leather

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Ren/Rapier THUA October 16&17, 2004

Harrow's Cross Cluny, AB

The Prince and Princess of Avacal invite all to attend and partake in classes of renaissance and rapier teachings. Their Highnesses University of Avacal shall be held in the Shire of Harrows Cross on the days of October 16&17, AS 39 (2004)

Location: Cluny Community Hall - Cluny, Alberta. Follow the TransCanada Highway east from Calgary for 65 minutes until you reach the Cluny turnoff, turn right and continue into town. The hall is on the right hand side. Signs will be posted. There is no street address for the hall, legal description is Lots 6-12, Plan 855A, Block 13, 21, 12 West of 4th.

Site/Feast Fee: Site Fee: \$5.00
Feast Fee: \$12.00

(pre-register and pay for the feast and receive \$2 off and have your name entered into a draw for a prize)
The Non-member surcharge of \$4 will apply.

Children under 9 are free
Children 10-16 pay only \$5
Please make all cheques payable to "Fellowship of Harrows Cross" Box 33, Gleichen, AB T0J 1N0

There will be no off board for the feast. There will be a cash bar on site, due to mundane law no outside alcohol will be allowed on site.

The feast will be mostly French Renaissance. Please contact Lady Ciar with any dietary concerns no later than one week prior to the event.

Additional meals will be provided onsite; Saturday lunch, Sunday breakfast and lunch, for a small price (\$4 per

meal). There is a restaurant just outside of Cluny at a Petro Canada Truck Stop otherwise the nearest locations to eat are in Strathmore or Bassano (25 minutes from site).

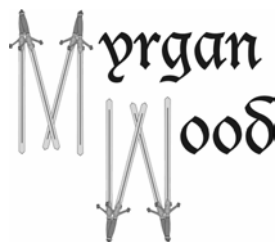
Crash Space: Crash Space is available at the hall for both Friday and Saturday night, but MUST be reserved in advance. There are hotels in Strathmore and Bassano (25 minutes from site) Please contact the Autocrat to reserve crash space or for hotel information.

Merchants: There is limited merchant space available in the hall. Please contact Lady Viridis Solari (mka. Morrigan Flebotte, (403) 734-3867, viridis@scribed.ca) for information and to reserve space.

THUA Registration and Classes: A wide variety of THUA classes both general and those emphasizing the Renaissance period will be offered, included will be costuming, bardic, history and culture, and of course rapier combat. The classes brochure and online registration will be available after September 15 at this site www.avacal.net/university/events Please pre-register but send no money for THUA classes; this will be collected at the event.

NOTE: Costs associated with registration for THUA shall be paid for separately from the site and feast fees. Timeline: The site shall open at 9AM on Saturday and close at 4PM Sunday afternoon. Classes will be tentatively scheduled to begin at 10AM both

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Silver Jubilee
October 9, 2004
Myrgan Wood (Saskatoon, SK)

Gather 'round good gentles of the known world a day of great celebration is soon upon us. On the Ninth day of October in the nine and thirtieth year Annos Societatus being two millennia and four Gregorian, in the Majestic Kingdom of An Tir and in the Principality of Avacal, eastern pride of An Tir, a noble Barony is about to celebrate it's Silver Jubilee. For five and twenty years MYRGAN WOOD has stood, a bastion of royal allegiance serving many great warrior Kings, and now with humble joy the Baron and Baroness: THEIR EXCELLENCIES RAOUL AND ROXANNE DE LA ROCHE AND THE BARONY OF MYRGAN WOOD, call on all in the Kingdom of An Tir and beyond to journey forth and join in the festivities as Myrgan Wood celebrates this great occasion.

The day's events shall include: Poetry (25 words OR 25 lines OR 25 stanzas) about Myrgan Wood; Calligraphy and/ or Illumination of the word or number 25 or name Myrgan Wood or above mentioned poetry; Costuming in any period era/culture utilizing any or all three Baronial colours (white/silver, red & green); Heavy Armoured Combat (Baronial Champion, Day's Victor/ix and Lottery); Light Armour Combat (Baronial Champion, Day's Victor/ix and Lottery); Rapier Combat (Day's Victor/ix and Lottery); Royal, Principality & Baronial Court; dancing; the Troubadours du Bois; a

sumptuous feast; and the Baroness' Brunch.

The festivities will take place at the Brian King Centre in Warman, approximately 13 kilometres north of the City of Saskatoon on Highway 11. No street address available. Postal code S0K 4S0. The Hall will open at 10:00 am. Registration for all tournaments shall commence at 10:30 am, tournaments to follow, the bar opens at six the feast begins at 7:00 pm, court and dancing to follow. Site closes at 1:30 am

Fees are: Site alone \$8.00 cdn / Site + Feast \$16.00; Children aged 12-16 are ½ price and under 12 years are free. The \$4 NMS will be levied were required and appropriate.

Baroness' Brunch will be on Sunday October 11th, details to follow.

Reservations: Reservations can be booked via: e-mail, phone or mail until October 1st 2004 or when 200 feast tickets are sold. ALL reservations must be confirmed with a cheque or money order made out to SCA-Myrgan Wood within THREE weeks of booking or by October 1st, whichever comes first.

Send Reservations and inquires to the **Autocrat:** Master Heinrich Kannesohn, MKA Kelly Ries / 317-27th Street W Saskatoon SK S7L 0J7, 306.653.70

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- shoes
- * patches on outside or inside of garment (e.g. fighting pants—use more of the same fabric; cotton twill is good on jeans)
- * jewelry organizer
- * small versions of garb, e.g. for little kids, stuffed animals
- * soft toys, e.g. dolls, cat toys with catnip
- * bags or soft cases for musical instruments
- * puppets (if you don't make puppets, there might be an elementary school, or a puppeteer at your local library, who would appreciate a donation)

Remember, fabric was more costly in period (either in money or in effort). Consequently, people were more willing to piece bits together to get what we think of as a single pattern piece. So if you have enough fabric for a project but it's in the wrong shape, just add a few seams. It will give the garment a more medieval flavour.

Zenovia

2004-07-20 About tunics

I make a distinction between a "tunic" and a "T-tunic".

T-tunic: In my world, "T-tunic" means a garment with usually only two seams (one on each side). It's a simple garment often cited as appropriate for a beginning costumer since it's easy to design and sew. The "T" may refer to its T-shirtiness of its design.

The T-tunic design relies on the wide widths of modern fabric. Most commercially available fabric is either 115cm/45" or 150cm/60" wide. The pattern is often developed by tracing a modern shirt to get the basic proportions. The sleeves, body and any fullness in the skirt are all cut out in one big piece. If the fabric isn't wide enough to get sleeves of the desired length, fabric is added and the seam often concealed with trim. This method typically wastes lots of fabric.

The construction of the T-tunic is not period, although the look is similar. One possible origin of this design is Herbert Norris, *Medieval Costume and Fashion* (Mineola, NY: Dover, 1999) at p. 32. [Note: this is a reprint of the original, entitled *Costume and Fashion: Senlac to Bosworth, 1066-1485* (London: J.M. Dent and Sons, 1927).] The man could draw like anything, but I wouldn't trust him to accurately depict the layout of a teatowel.

<<http://easygarb.freewebsite.org/tunics.html>> – the basics

Tunic: "Tunic" then refers to the period version of the same garment, built on the principle of reducing waste to an absolute minimum. When building a relatively close-fitting garment, such as what was worn in northern Europe, this principle leads us to a pattern design method called rectangular construction. Techniques used in

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rectangular construction include starting with a narrow loom width (something in the range of 55cm/22" to 71cm/28"—weavers, am I close?); cutting pattern pieces as geometric shapes; and piecing fabric together to get fullness.

Rectangular construction results in a lot of seams. You have a sleeve seam joining the sleeve to the body, and perhaps a couple of seams joining a gusset to the armpit of the sleeve. You'd have side seams anyway, but putting gores in the sides adds at least one seam per side. If you want even more fullness, you put a slit in front and back to sew in more gores. Assembling gores from more pieces is not uncommon either; hence, more seams.

<<http://www.forest.gen.nz/Medieval/articles/Tunics/tunics.html>> – the author uses the term “T-tunic” as a catchall for any type of tunic; article originally published in TI <<http://www.sallypointer.com/simple/medievaldress>> – a later/more shaped tunic, pattern layout and nice photo of the tunic in action

Coptic tunic: The “Coptic tunic” is the only period tunic (Egypt, c. 300-800AD) that I'm aware of that is made with a single piece of fabric, à la T-tunic. This type of tunic was in fact woven to shape (sideways) on an exceptionally wide loom, achieving a piece of fabric up to 250cm/99" wide. The selvedges ended up being the bottom of the garment at front and back, and the space under the arms that would be cut away was

actually left unwoven. The Coptic tunic looks very baggy and T-shirty (appropriate for hot weather wear), though the decorative bands running over the shoulders (*clavii*) and/or medallions (*segmentae*) jazz it up quite a bit.

<<http://www.housebarra.com/EP/ep01/07coptic.html>> – line drawings of tunics
<<http://www.marlamallett.com/coptic.htm>> – photos of extant textile bits
Zenovia

2004-07-21 Period stitches

An exhaustive list of period stitches in use from the Danish Bronze Age (began 1700BC) to 17th century is available at <<http://www.personal.utulsa.edu/~marc-carlson/cloth/stitches.htm>>.
Zenovia

2004-07-21 More period stitches

My personal favourite list of hand stitches is “Archaeological Sewing” by Tangwystyl verch Morgant Glasvryn and can be found at <http://www.virtue.to/guest_authors/archaeological_sewing.html>.
Sadb ingen Thuathail, Vinjar

2004-08-07 Finishing raw edges on appliqués

An “appliqué” is a decorative piece of fabric sewn (or “applied”) onto a functional piece of fabric, for example a knotwork animal on a

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Vinfest VI October 1-3, 2004

Shire of Vinjar Grande Prairie, Alberta

Oyez, Oyez, Oyez. Once again the spectre of a harsh winter is upon us. With the harvest safely off the fields, join the Shire of Vinjar as the skilled compete in Heavy, Rapier, Archery Tourney's. Come for the renowned "Grape Stomp" as well as the first annual "Maighstir Gruadaire" (Master Brewer) competition. The Drover's Reach Tavern will be open for business. *No outside alcohol will be allowed*

PAID RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR MEALS AND BEDS, SPACE IS LIMITED

Site fee: Adults - non SCA members \$10 + 4 NMS = \$ 14 Cdn
\$10 with a paid membership.

The site is wheelchair accessible and has indoor showers/washrooms.
Meals: \$12 for feast on Saturday evening (limited to 110) Reservations deadline for feast is September 24th

SCHEDULE
FRIDAY:
7PM Site Opens
SATURDAY:
9:00 -10 am Rapier Inspection
9:00 - 5:00 Arts and Science Display
10:00 - 1 pm Rapier competition and scenarios
1:00 - PM Archery Inspection & Lists Open
1:30 -4 PM Archery Competition
2:00 PM Heavy Amour Inspection & List Open
2:30 - 4:00 PM Heavy Tournament
4 PM - 1st annual Maighstir Gruadaire (Brew Master Competition - period documentation highly encouraged)
5:30 PM Grape Stomping
6:30 PM Feast
Court to follow Feast
SUNDAY:
Clean Up
Noon Site Closes

Bed fee:\$10 per person per night. (There are 56 beds in heated cabins -26 top bunks in heated cabins). Bring your own bedding. There will also be limited camping space at \$5 per tent. (Smalls under 12 free except bed fee applies) (Smalls under 6 free)

Autocrats: Skye MacLean (Kelly MacLean) and Dare (Darren Johnson)
Box 842 Dawson Creek, B.C. V1G 4H8
phone: 250-843-6866

Registration for site/meals:
a Bhantiarna Sadb ingen Thuathail
Box 983 Beaverlodge AB, T0H 0C0(780)354-3803 vfoستر@telusplanet.net

-Makes cheques payable to ASCA Canton of Vinjar

Feastocrat - a Bhantiarna Sadb ingen Thuathail (see above) - Please contact Feastocrat with any food allergies

Limited indoor merchant space will be available until 5 PM on Saturday, please contact autocrat to reserve a table, outdoor merchanting welcome all weekend. There will be no merchant fees, donations to tournament prizes always welcome.

Directions to site There is no street address or postal code for this site. Camp Tamarack Camp Ground, not the RV Park!

Follow Hwy 43 to Grande Prairie, turning LEFT at the Hwy 43/Hwy 2 junction. Follow Hwy 43 South/100 St. to 116 Ave. (just past McDonalds - watch for "Hwy 43 West/Alaska" overhead sign). At 116 Ave., turn RIGHT. Follow Hwy 43 to 100 Ave. (by Staples). At 100 Ave., CONTINUE HEADING SOUTH, now following Hwy 40 South/Wapiti Road(108 St.) (watch for "Hwy 40 South/Wapiti Road" overhead sign). Follow Hwy 40 South through and out of Grande Prairie. Continue south of Grande Prairie 5km, and turn LEFT at "Camp Tamarack" signage and follow the SCA signs.

From Dawson Creek: enter Grande Prairie on Highway 43 past airport. Turn right on highway 40/Wapiti Road. Travel south of Grande Prairie 5km; turn left at Camp Tamarack signage and follow the SCA signs.

Michaelmas Feast September 18th, 2004

Shire of Loch d'Or Crawford Bay, BC

Hail All Ye Friends of Loch d'Or. Come and enjoy a nice quiet Michaelmas Feast a few days early on September 18th, 2004. Bring along your passions, and bring along your projects. "If You Show Me Yours, I'll Show You Mine!!"

We will be celebrating at the Crawford Bay Hall, 16230 Wadds Road, in Crawford Bay BC.

Cost for the day including Lunch and Feast is \$15 Cdn., payable on site. Site opens at 10am and closes after the Feast.

Autocrat: Christine de Blonde (mka Christy Musil) at PO Box 24, Gray Greek, BC, V0B 1G0 or by e-mail musil@lightwave.ca (preferred) or (250) 227-9343:

Feastocrat: Katherine of Weaverham: (250) 227-9205. Let us know if you can join us or of any food allergies by Sept. 14th, 2004.

There is crash space available in the Castle. Please contact Daoud and Leah Helena at (250) 227-9550.

To join us, take your best route to Creston, BC, drive north on Highway 3A for 75km then look for the SCA signs. If you reach the Kootenay Bay Ferry, you have gone 5km too far. Or you can take your best route to Balfour, BC (east of Nelson), take the free 35 min. ferry ride across the lake, and then follow Highway 3A south for 5km and then watch for the SCA signs.

More about the medieval feast of Michaelmas

September 29, the feast of St. Michael and All Angels or Michaelmas fell about the time of the autumnal equinox. The equinox marked the period when the nights would be getting longer and the earth would begin to die. St. Michael came to be seen as the protector against the forces of the dark and so became very popular in the Middle Ages. Many monasteries and churches were dedicated to him, usually on high places near the sea.

His feast was celebrated with a traditional well-fattened goose which had fed well on the stubble of the fields after the harvest. In many places, a there was also a tradition of special large loaves of bread made only for that day. By Michaelmas the harvest had to be completed and the new cycle of farming would begin. It was a time for beginning new leases, rendering accounts and paying the annual dues.

On the manors at Michaelmas, a reeve was elected from among the peasants to keep watch over the work and to assure that production was up to expectation. If rents or donations of goods fell short, the reeve had to make it up on his own. It was not a popular office.

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tunic. There are two methods for finishing the raw edges of irregularly shaped appliqué.

- 1a. Iron seam allowance (squares, rectangles, strips):
 - * Cut appliqué.
 - * Iron seam allowances to wrong side of appliqué. (Use a tape-maker for narrower strips.)

Use for e.g. square *segmentae* (medallions) and *clavii* (vertical strips over each shoulder) on Coptic tunics; background for trim; patches.

- 1b. Iron seam allowance with template (shapes with curves and/or many sides):

- * Cut a piece of cardstock to the desired finished dimensions of the appliqué.
- * Cut the appliqué with a seam allowance (i.e. cut appliqué larger than the finished dimensions).
- * Clip inside (concave) curves and inside corners.
- * Place the appliqué right side down on ironing board with the cardstock template on top.
- * Iron the seam allowance towards the centre of the appliqué, over the template.

This method is much more accurate than trying to freehand iron the seam allowance on curves and more complex shapes.

Use for e.g. decorative facing for a keyhole neckline on a Norman tunic; round or oval *segmentae* on a Coptic tunic; simple heraldic charges.

2. Stitch over (complex shapes, especially where negative space is removed from interior of appliqué):

- * Cut the appliqué to the desired finished dimensions.
- * Sew the appliqué onto the garment. (If the appliqué is particularly complex, you may wish to sew the appliqué onto the garment *before* cutting to prevent the appliqué from losing its shape.)
- * Conceal the raw edges by machine with close zigzag stitch (satin stitch), or by hand with satin stitch, buttonhole stitch, or couching. (It's also possible to attach the appliqué and finish raw edges in one step.)

Use for e.g. knotwork; complex heraldic charges.
Zenovia

2004-08-07 Raw edges on felted wool appliqué (period)

Just a note: felted wool appliqué do not need seam finishing and the technique is totally authentic! A good link for on the art of appliqué with history is

<http://www.vertetsable.com/demos_appart.htm>.

Sadb

2004-08-07 Finishing raw edges on appliqué (period)

Another finishing technique is to couch cording of some description

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around the outside edge (plied cord, metallic, thin leather, etc.), or embroider an outline stitch of some kind (stem, chain, split, etc.). This was common from Asia to Western Europe, and was used for regular appliqué as well as for intarsia ("reverse" appliqué). It's a much more period-looking treatment than a machine zigzag for concealing raw edges and adding stability to the design.

Tomyris

2004-08-10 Finishing raw edges on appliqués

If the fabric you're using for your appliqué frays easily, iron on some fusible interfacing on the wrong side of the fabric before cutting out the design. This will keep the edges from fraying badly and helps the fabric keep its shape while you sew it on.
Dyrfinna the Wanderer,
Montengarde

An Open Letter to the Populace of the Principality of Avacal:

Greetings unto you all!! As I am sure that most of you are aware by now, I suffered a major stroke on May 22, 2004 as I was in the process of being discharged from Cranbrook Hospital. Due to the severity of the stroke, I was lucky that the stroke occurred in Cranbrook Hospital. I am now on the way to recovery, but still have a long way to go.

My health problems in the past year have prevented me from merchanting at several of the SCA events that I normally attend. For those of you who have looked for me so as to purchase merchant goods from THE BEADMAN, I am still actively selling and obtaining the beads, trim, etc. as I have in the past.

My lady, Lady Tegan Thorbergsdottir, is assisting me in my business. You may place orders through her by telephone (403) 542-7830 or by e-mail (montanabluesky@hotmail.com). My telephone and fax machine numbers are, at present, not in operation.

I wish to thank all of you who have sent good wishes my way. They have been very much appreciated, and have helped in my recovery.

I still plan to participate in SCA activities and events as much as my illness and my doctor allow me to do so.

Thank you all for your support, and my best wishes to all of you.

I remain, in service,
Lord Ragnulf Bjarnison
THE BEADMAN

Note This letter is not a paid commercial ad. Simply an announcement from a member of Avacal.

Harvest Feast 2004 Sept10-11-12, 2004

Let the Celebration of the Harvest Begin!
We Invite the Known World to join us in choosing our new Heavy, Rapier, Archery and A&S Champions.
Open To All! Be it known that a Period format letter of intent is required for the Heavy, to be handed in prior to Tourney! Personal Heraldry is also required! A Magnificent Feast is planned Bitter End style! Bardic competition Sat Night!

SITE OPENS- Friday 5 pm
Saturday
Archery Tourney and A&S Competition- 11am
Heavy Lists open- 12pm..
Close at 1pm
Heavy Tourney- 1pm
Rapier Tourney- 1:30pm
A&S Judging- 4pm
Feast- 6:00

PLEASE PRE- REGISTER FOR FEAST!

Court- 8pm
Bardic- 9pm
Sunday Site Closes - 3pm
Squedule is subject and tentative to their Highnesses.

Site is discreetly wet! Members and Guests only please. Pets allowed but must be leashed. Plenty of Camping

Shire of Bitter End Red Deer, AB



space! Merchants must Pre- register for space!!! If you do not pre-register you will not be aloud to Set up!
NO EXCEPTIONS!
Please contact the Auto-Crat !

Site Fee's Site and Feast (members)-

\$18 (Non- Members Please add \$4 NMS)

Site only(Members)- \$6
(Non- Members Please add \$4 NMS)
Please make Cheques payable to ASCA Shire of Bitter End

Directions:

Central Park Hall (no street address or postal code) Coming north from Gaetz Ave Go past 11A, I Km and turn Left onto TWP RD 391. Look for sign that says central park road. go 3/4 Km and turn left at blue sign. Hall is on west corner. Site will be massively signed!!!

AutoCrat:

Lady Sybell Deya- (Melissa Brubaker) #7 Wallace Close
Red Deer, AB T4N 5L8
spiral_orchid@hotmail.com
403-343-3039 (no calls past 9pm)

Feast O Crats
Alvin and Angela Brubaker
403-343-3039 (no calls past 9pm)

AVACAL CALENDAR

Calendar Policy: Autocrats MUST submit *Date Reservation* and *Event Information* forms to Kalends (Viscountess Catriona) before an event is officially reserved or put on Calendar. Forms available from your Seneschal or the Kalends officer.

All event copies for the Crier, Avantgarde, and Avacal Webpage has to go through the Calendar Officer. Please have the event information form (with appropriate signatures) and event copy to the Calendar Officer by the 15th of the month, 2 months prior to the event. (ie. If your event is January 22, have event copy in by November 15th).

Please include the following as required by the Crier:

- Date of event (day and month and year)
- Time of event (when site opens and closes)
- Name of sponsoring group
- Location (name, street address, and town) of the site. The postal code should also be included if available.
- Name (society and modern) and address of the autocrat (I find it useful to include the feastocrat as well)
- If there is a fee for the event, the statement "make cheques payable to <Group>" must be included.
- Official SCA Event Title
- Modern Location (town/city)

11-Sep	Harvest Feast	Bitter End
18-Sep	Michaelmas Feast and U of A classes	Loch D'orr
25-Sep	Birthday Bash	Traitor's Gate
02-Oct	Vinfest VI	Vinjar
09-Oct	Myrgan wood Silver Jubilee	Myrgan Wood
16-Oct	Late Period THUA	Harrow's Cross
23-Oct	Samhain	Montengarde
06-Nov	Ferret's Feast	Valley Wold
13-Nov	Skull n' Crossbones Tavern	Sigelhundas
20-Nov	Theme Feast/Bop and Die	Bordergate
27-Nov	Avacal Coronet	Borealis
04-Dec	Yule Feast	Borealis
25-Dec	Christmas!!!!	
01-Jan	New Year's!!!	

Principality of Avacal Curia Minutes August 22, 2004 AS XXXIX, 9:00 AM Avacal August Investiture, Sigelhundas

Recording: Manyra

Attendees:	Hamish	Robert	Roxanne
Inga	Hrogan	William	Steinn
Vik	Dante	Ceis	Deitrich
Valgard	Dezz	Malcolm	Connor
Dagmar	Malabar	Gabrielle	Sadb
Jocatta			

Approval of Previous Minutes

Chronicler notes the Feb 04 Minutes have been published and no corrections were made. Approved

Business Arising from Minutes

None

Officer Reports

Seneschal (Aldreada) - Absent

New and Incipient Branch Deputy (Haemish) - Absent

Calendar (Catriona – From Roxanne)

Looking for Replacement

Their Highnesses will consider allowing event conflicts if they are located 6 hrs apart. Decisions will be made on a case by case basis.

We need bids for Feb. Investiture, June Coronet and Aug Investiture.

Would love to have more than one bid per event – shows willingness and capability

Herald (Steinn) – Absent (showed up later)

Scribe (Inga – interim, Outgoing)

Margareta of Vendveldt accepted as replacement

Sadb scribal contact for this Reign

Regalia – Vacant

Her Highness reports the summer cloaks have been completed

Plans to go through regalia and fix or replace what is needed.

Chatelaine (Tatiana) - Absent

Earl Marshal (Hrogan)

Malcolm now in charge of Boffer.

Marshal website will be expanded

Working on an Avacal Book of Combat

More Sn. Marshals being made.

Lists (Robert)

Authorizations going up to Kingdom, moving smoothly

Looking into making a new list board and banner

Her Highness would like it for Investiture as she hopes to have much decoration and banners etc.

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Rapier Provost (William)

Revised set of rules in effect when published in Crier
 Jr. Rapier being established for ages 14 and up.
 Only 2 MIC reports came in last quarter.
 All events with Rapier need to submit a report within 30 days (48 hrs if there is an injury).
 Marshals could lose status if not reporting.

Royal Archer (Deicyn) - Absent

Target Archery Deputy (Malabar)

Only a handful of groups are having practice
 October end of season for Royal Rounds – working hard to get more scores in.
 We have more Marshals.

Warlord (Ferghail) - Absent

Their Highnesses will be reviewing this position.

Arts & Science (Ceis)

Summer is a slow season, still stuff going well.
 Weather at Quad war hampered some activities
 2 branch officers have stepped down.
 Working to update regalia
 Fundraising ongoing (for pavilion)
 Now have dedicated funds in Avacal's finance books.
 Auction being held at Nov Coronet.

Bardic (Kataryna – Absent, from Ceis)

Bard Wars postponed at Quad.

Exchequer (Dezz - Outgoing)

Have found a replacement – Dagmar.
 Packets of letters that have been sent to groups not reporting will be given to TH.
 Exchequers need to do Quarterly reports and ensure books are audited when required.
 Exchequer package has separate NMS packet with explanation.
 Have spoken to groups with outstanding NMS – Montengarde has been brought mostly uptodate.
 Regalia fund low – need fundraising.
 Balance report on file.

Chronicler (Manyra)

Subscriptions continue to rise.
 Officers are reminded to submit announcements and reports for publication.

Web Minister (Vidar – absent, from Manyra)

Website still going strong. Looks good.
 Each officer now has their own page.
 Let Vidar know of any updates.

Her Highness reminds all that Edmonton has been granted the name Borealis and updates have been made.

Constable (Valgard)

Kingdom would like a Constable at Troll at every event.
 Need to review how the office will apply and take shape in Avacal.
 Also must confirm how to become a warranted Constable.

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Chirurgeon - Vacant

HE Angar looking for a replacement.

University of Avacal (Ezekiel – Absent, from Jocatta)

Report on file
 Chancellors have been appointed by the Coronet. See the Listing in the Avantgarde.
 Still looking for Chancellors in Myrgan Wood and Sigelhundas.
 Upcoming Classes in Harrow's Cross and Samhain, plus others.
 People will be able to update their Avacal Directory listing and register for upcoming THUA Classes on the website <www.avacal.net> by Sept 15.

Words from Their Highnesses

Thank you for a very enjoyable Investiture.

We will be conducting a review of Avacal Law during our reign. This will include reviewing NMS, Borders, opening officer positions after 2 year terms at branch level, and specific fund level (ie. Regalia fund)
 Working with Loch Dor to resolve issues there.

(General discussions how Avacal officers can help with branches)

Branch officers need more training about their jobs – with regards to reporting in particular.
 Suggested FAQ/Info packet for new officers.
 Branch Seneschals should have job descriptions and handbooks on file.
 Find Deputies!

(another general discussion on how to deal with NMS)

Suggestion: use the term membership for a day or Membership discount in event copy. Ask gate attendants to be more positive (ie. Members get a reduced fee)

Old Business

Dante spoke regarding his investigation into how SCA insurance applies here.
 The insurance company is reluctant to discuss the matter but did have a look at the broiler plate. Primary investigation shows it is not valid here. Others who have looked in to it have been told it is valid so further investigation is needed.
 No need to panic. TH will ask SCA, Inc to see what they can find. Will also look into possible other coverage.

Doomsday Book (Sadb)- Need to set up what Avacal wants. Deadline for Drafts hopefully by An Tir 12th Night (firm Feb 15th)
 Contact Sadb with any ideas.

New Business

None

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30am