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Fighters of Montengarde

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1BvAtVzwsS/>

Archers of Montengarde

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1Ckux4v9yq/>

Bard Hard with Montengarde

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1BHK7jGzgP/>

Avacal-Group

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/17fNN7Rxfc/>

The Kingdom of Avacal Page

<https://www.facebook.com/KingdomofAvacalSCA>

Avacal Buy/Sell, Trade/Barter

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/14GTzeqrsAb/>

While these are the key Facebook groups, there are many more that can be found by searching keywords such as Montengarde, SCA and Avacal

Website Links

Barony of Montengarde

<https://www.montengarde.org/Welcome/>

Kingdom of Avacal

<https://avacal.org/>

Society for Creative Anachronisms

<https://www.sca.org/>

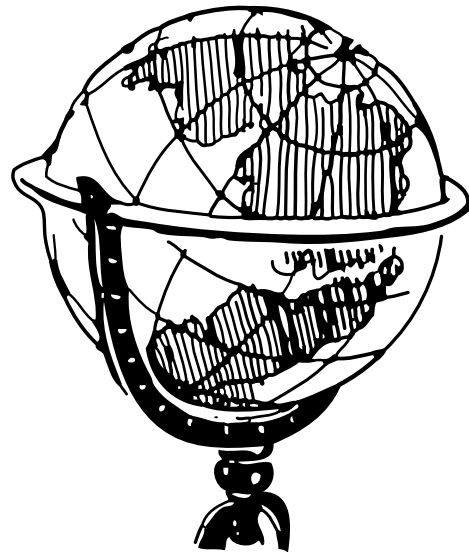
Addresses

The Rehabilitation Society of Calgary

7 11 St NE Calgary, AB T2E 4Z2

Archery World

106 - 3420 12th ST NE Calgary



Monthly Festivities

Tavern Night

Oct. 13th at The Rehabilitation Society of Calgary from 7pm-10pm

A social evening with friends featuring a mix of dancing, medieval gaming, and arts & sciences. Beverages and sometimes food are provided for a nominal cost. Tavern is a “in garb” event but if you are without garb then have no fear! There is often loaner clothes curtesy of the Gold Key!

Montengarde Council

Oct. 21st via Discord from roughly 7pm - 8pm

Open to any interested in the business side of the Barony! Here you will hear reports from all the officers and will include updates on upcoming events.

Martial Practice

Every Thursday at The Rehabilitation Society of Calgary from 6:30pm-9pm

Our warriors participate in tournaments for individuals and teams, tactical melees involving dozens of combatants, and even large-scale wars with thousands of participants! Thus, these practices allow our fighters to keep their skills sharp. There is a \$6 fee for fighters and by donation for non-combat attendees.

Bard Hard

Oct. 11th via zoom from roughly 5pm - 10pm

A great way to meet with your fellow bards, perform, and listen to all that our talented barony has to offer.

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85062066750>

Meeting ID:

850-6206-6750

Passcode: 1

Archery Practice

Every Friday at Archery World Calgary from 7pm-9pm

As of right now, Montengarde has negotiated a \$17 fee to practice at Archery World (cash). When you get there, just inform the staff that you are with the SCA, and loaner equipment is available for those interested!

A&S Round Table and Social

Oct. 6th and 20th via Discord from 7pm-10pm

These nights are a great way to connect with the talented members of the barony and discuss projects or just work through various ideas with other people. Occasionally, these nights will be hosted in person, and information regarding this will be posted on Facebook or directly on the website.



NOTES FROM THE CHRONICLER

The Minotaur Monitor has risen from the dead!

As the leaves begin to turn and the days grow shorter, Montengarde welcomes the arrival of autumn, and with it, the return of your beloved newsletter. This October edition is packed with information for the season ahead, including upcoming events, important announcements, and plenty for the populace of Montengarde to enjoy. So grab your cloak, settle in, and see what awaits us this fall. There is much to look forward to, and the Chronicler is pleased to bring it all to you!

And remember, the Minotaur Monitor is your newsletter! If you have an event, announcement, story, achievement, or anything else you would like to see promoted, please reach out to the Chronicler. All content is welcome, and we would love to hear from the populace and help share what is happening throughout Montengarde.

Odilia Mae-Winter

MONTENGARDE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Much of the work needed to keep a Barony running in the SCA happens in the background by the people who volunteer their time as officers. Without such dedicated service the SCA would grind to a halt.

Montengarde has a number of officer positions that are available to those looking to help our barony thrive. Please feel free to volunteer to any of these opportunities by contacting our Seneschal at seneschal@montengarde.org and our Baron and Baroness at excellencies@montengarde.org.

Officer Position:

Chatelaine:

In the SCA, the Chatelaine is the officer who greets newcomers and then assists them in their efforts to find their personal place within the Society for Creative Anachronism.

Deputies Positions:

Deputy Chatelaine
Demo Co-ordinator
Gold Key Coordinator
Deputy Herald
Deputy Exchequer
Deputy Minister of Arts and Sciences
Deputy Seneschal



AVACAL UPDATE

There have been some changes to Avacal Law, and a new version of the Event Policy is in effect! Here's a short summary of the changes:

The revisions to Avacal's laws primarily focus on modernizing language, simplifying requirements, clarifying responsibilities, and updating policies to reflect current practices.

- **General updates:** Numbering and wording were cleaned up, repetitive language was removed, and event requirements were simplified.
- **Modernized requirements:** Electronic proof of membership is now accepted, outdated newsletter requirements were removed, and requirements to publish personal contact information were eliminated.
- **Royalty responsibilities:** Language around the Crown was made gender-neutral and simplified. Requirements for reporting awards were also updated.
- **Championships:** Arts & Sciences Championship rules were simplified and clarified, while the Youth Championship was moved to Fall Crown to reflect current practice.
- **Attendance expectations:** Champions and officers are now expected to make every reasonable effort to attend Kingdom Events rather than requiring Crown permission to miss one.
- **Kingdom officers:** The list and responsibilities of Greater Kingdom Officers were updated, including the addition of a DEIB Officer. Reporting requirements for branch officers were also simplified and made more flexible.
- **DEIB responsibilities:** A dedicated Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging role was added, with responsibilities including education, accessibility, cultural representation, support for branches, and addressing inclusion-related concerns.
- **Awards and precedence:** The Order of Precedence and descriptions of awards, titles, orders, and honours were reorganized for greater clarity and consistency.
- **Event planning:** The laws were updated to reflect the fixed Kingdom event rotation system rather than the previous event-bidding process. Branches are assigned events through a set rotation and are expected to begin planning 12 months in advance.
- **Smoking, vaping & cannabis:** New, clearer rules were added covering tobacco, vaping, and cannabis use at events, including designated outdoor areas and restrictions around indoor spaces, the Eric, and court.

Overall: The changes are intended to make Avacal's laws clearer, more modern, less repetitive, more inclusive, and better aligned with how the Kingdom currently operates.



MYRGAN WOOD ANNIVERSARY

Oct. 9th to Oct. 12th 2026

at **Brian King Center**, 303 8th Ave N, Warman, SK

The good populace of Avacal is invited to the northern strongholds of Myrgan Wood to celebrate the Barony's Anniversary and witness the ascension of new nobles to leadership and new champions to their posts!

Feasting, fighting, filking, fletching, and more!

They will also be hosting the Myrgan Wood Arts and Science Championship and Heavy Championship.

Adult Registration - \$40

Adult Member Registration - \$30

Youth Registration (Ages 0-17) -
Free!

Adult Feast - \$25

Youth Feast (Ages 12-17) - \$10

Child Feast (Ages 0-11) - Free!



Barony of Myrgan Wood

Event Steward: Aethelstan and Sir Korsak

Feast Steward: HL Tofa Valadottir



SNOW EATERS - WINDWYRM

Oct. 23rd - 24th 2026

Grassy Lake Municipal Campground 210 Chapman Avenue South Grassy Lake AB

The Shire of Windwyrm bids you brave the cold winds and gather with us for our festival of the Snow Eaters event. Windwyrm's Defender of Rapier, Defender of Swords and Defender of Arts and Science to be chosen. Indoor archery plus more. Prizes and honors await the worthy.

Hall Camping both Friday and Saturday Night.



Adult Registration - \$30
Adult Member Registration - \$20
Youth Registration (Ages 0-17) -
Free!



WATCH OUT FOR... SAMHAIN 2026

November 7th from 8:30am till the end of the party!

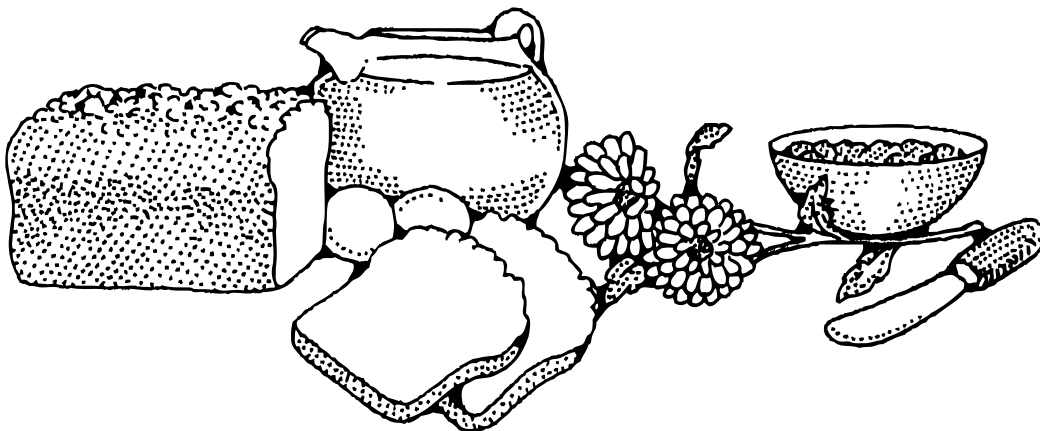
Edgemont Community Association: 33 Edgevalley Circle NW, Calgary Alberta

Samhain is a Gaelic Festival Marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter or the “darker half” of the year. Traditionally, it is celebrated from October 31st to November 1st, as the Celtic day began and ended at sunset. This is about halfway between the autumn equinox and the winter solstice. It is one of the four Gaelic seasonal festivals, along with Imolc, Bealtaine, and Lughnasadh. Historically, it was widely observed throughout Ireland, Scotland, and Isle of Man. Similar festivals are held at the same time of year in other Celtic Lands.

While this is the Bardic Champion Event, there will also be Archery, Rapier, Armoured fights, and A&S. More information to come!

Adult Registration - \$40
Adult Member Registration - \$30
Youth Registration (Ages 0-17) -
Free!

Adult Feast - \$15
Youth Feast (Ages 12-17) - \$15
Child Feast (Ages 0-11) - Free!



Event Steward: Drifa at laekjamoti and Vladimir of Straz
Feast Steward: Quon Jien

WHAT THE HECK IS THE... ORDER OF THE SABLE DRAGON OF MONTENGARDE?

Formerly known as the Order of the Dragon, this order recognizes those who have served one or more terms as a Champion of the Barony in a martial discipline: armoured combat, rapier, or archery.

The order includes:

- Dragonblade – Current Rapier Champion
- Dragonblinder – Current Archery Champion
- Dragonslayer – Current Armoured Combat Champion

The first recorded member of this order was Adis Ulfsdottir in June 2004, and our most recent member is Melchor De Bazan



THE PATH OF PEERAGE

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Apprentice	Belt	Bracers
Chain	Chivalry	Collar
Dame	Defense	Elevation
Knight	Laurel	Maintenance
Man at Arms	Mark	Master
Mistress	Peer	Pelican
Protoge	Provost	Ranger
Red	Spurs	Squire
Student	White	



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