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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/>

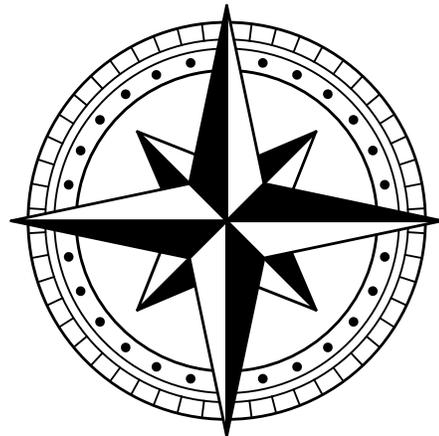
Addresses

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

Feb 10th 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

Feb 18th 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

Feb 8th 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://uso2web.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

Feb 3rd and Feb 17th 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

As the calendar turns once more, we find ourselves granted another month of news, musings, and merry mischief within these pages. Though winter still clutches the land with an icy grip, we remain ever hopeful that warmer days lie just beyond the horizon...or at the very least, that the cold may show us a little mercy.

This newsletter lives and thrives by the voices of our community, and all are warmly encouraged to contribute. Articles, great or small, photos of recent exploits, event tales, sketches, jokes, riddles, or even a single amusing thought scribbled in haste are all most welcome. If you have something to share, now is the time to loose it upon the page. Created a poem? want to share your knowledge about various topics? We at the chroniclers' desk are not picky!

With that, I hope you enjoy this edition of the Minotaur Monitor

Odilia Mae-Winter

MONTENGARDE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

This amazing Barony functions due to the dedication of individuals who volunteer their time as officers. Without such dedicated service we would grind to a halt. Montengarde has several officer positions that are available to those looking to help our amazing community thrive. Additionally, there are several deputy positions ready for the taking! Deputies assist the current officer while learning aspects of the position and taking on certain responsibilities.

Please contact our Seneschal (seneschal@montengarde.org) and our Baron and Baroness (excellencies@montengarde.org) if you are interested in any of these rewarding positions!

Current Officer positions that must be filled	Current Deputy Positions that can be filled
-Minister of Arts and Sciences	-Deputy Chatelaine -Demo Co-ordinator -Gold Key Coordinator -Deputy Herald -Deputy Exchequer

AVACAL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Kingdom of Avacal is currently seeking applications for the following Kingdom Offices:

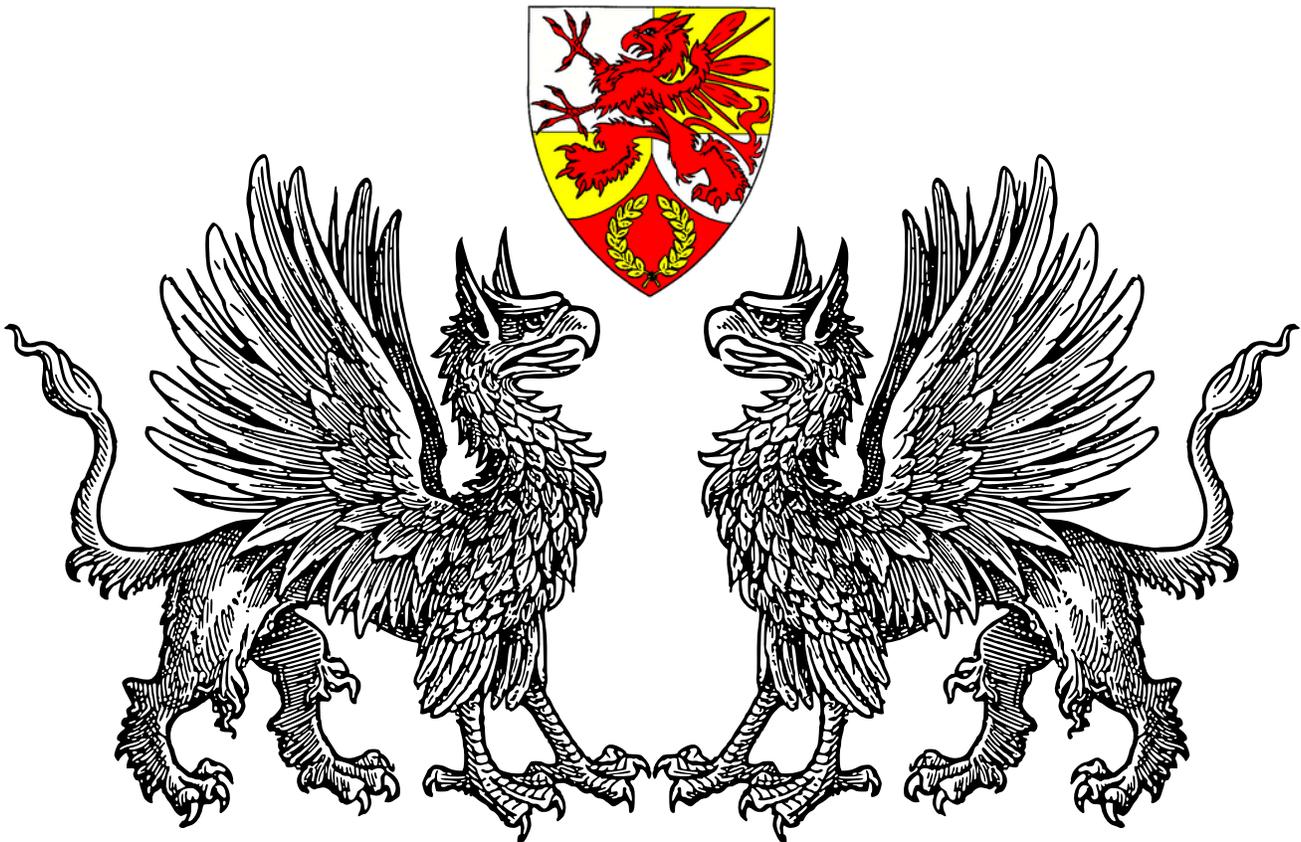
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Officer

The DEIB Officer is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation, and maintenance of game-facing DEIB initiatives and education.

Chatelaine

The Chatelaine is responsible for promoting and supporting recruitment initiatives and guiding retention practices throughout the Kingdom.

If interested in either position, please send your SCA resume and letter of intent to the Kingdom Seneschal (seneschal@avacal.org) and Their Majesties (crown@avacal.org).



AVACAL WINTER CROWN

February 13th - 16th 2026

FluidPro REcreation Arena, 9831 97 St, Wembley AB

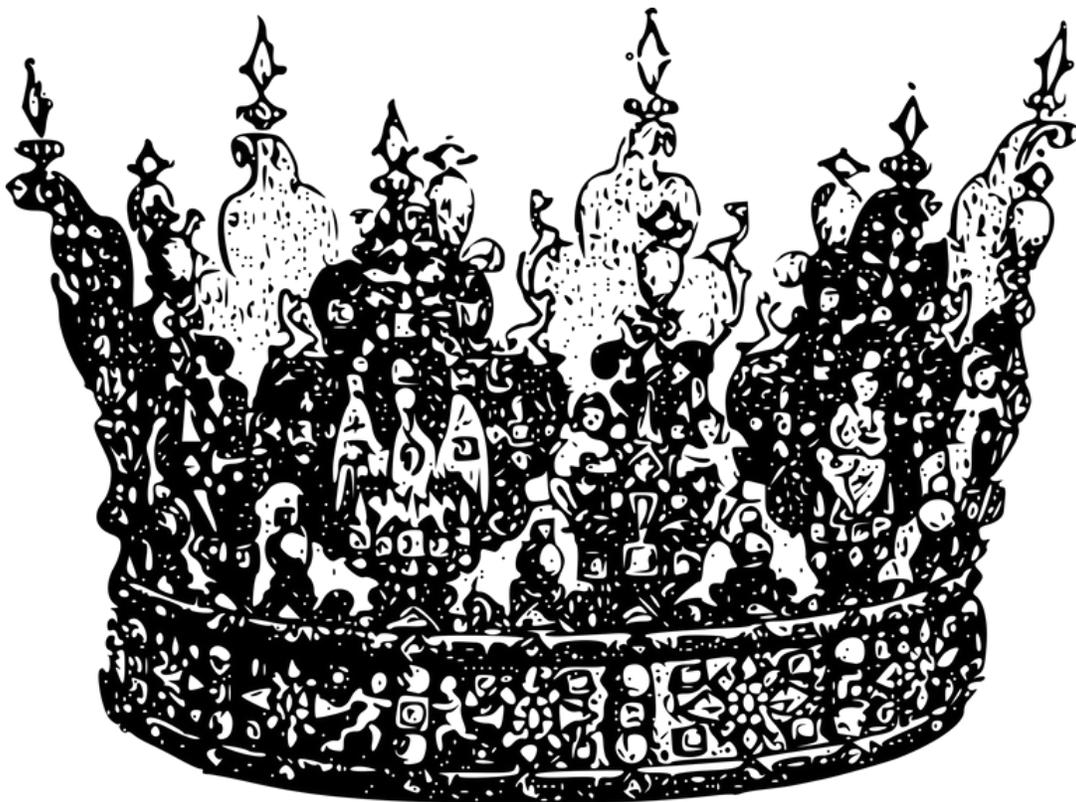
The Kingdom of Avacal Seeks New Heirs, and the Shire of Vinjar is proud to host Winter Crown 2026

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

Adult Feast - \$30
Youth Feast (Ages 12-17) - \$15
Child Feast (Ages 0-11) - Free!

Got Questions? Here are the amazing people who are assisting this event!

Event Stewards: Sir Olaf the Snowman and Lord Ademar Denedei di Pietro



SKALD THE HALL - MYRGAN WOOD

March 7th, 2026

at St Joseph of Calasanctius Church - 1942 98th, North Battleford, SK

Join us in the Barony of Myrgan Wood for Skald the Hall!

This is an event that celebrates the bardic arts, good food and great company! You can also witness the Myrgan Wood Bardic Championship, Youth Championship, and the legendary Bard-Off!

Curious about what you will be eating?

First remove: Meat pastries and assorted cheese

Second remove: Cabbage soup with fry bread/bannock

Third remove: Roast pork with root vegetables, served with mustard glaze and redwine demiglaze

Are you from out of town?

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Gold Eagle Lodge under the name "Skald the Hall" for the night of March 7th. It is 15% off a regular 2 queen room. Continental breakfast is included - \$140/night.

Rooms are reserved until February 7th, but the hotel will honour the price up until midnight on March 7th. If anyone is too tired to drive home after the event, they can safely stay at the Gold Eagle Lodge.

Adult Registration - \$35

Adult Member Registration - \$25

Youth Registration (Ages 0-17) -
Free!

Adult Feast - \$20

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

Child Feast (Ages 0-11) - Free!

Event Steward: Daylen Elder

Feast Steward: Hamish MacCarrig

WINTER WAR - BOREALIS

March 20th, 2026

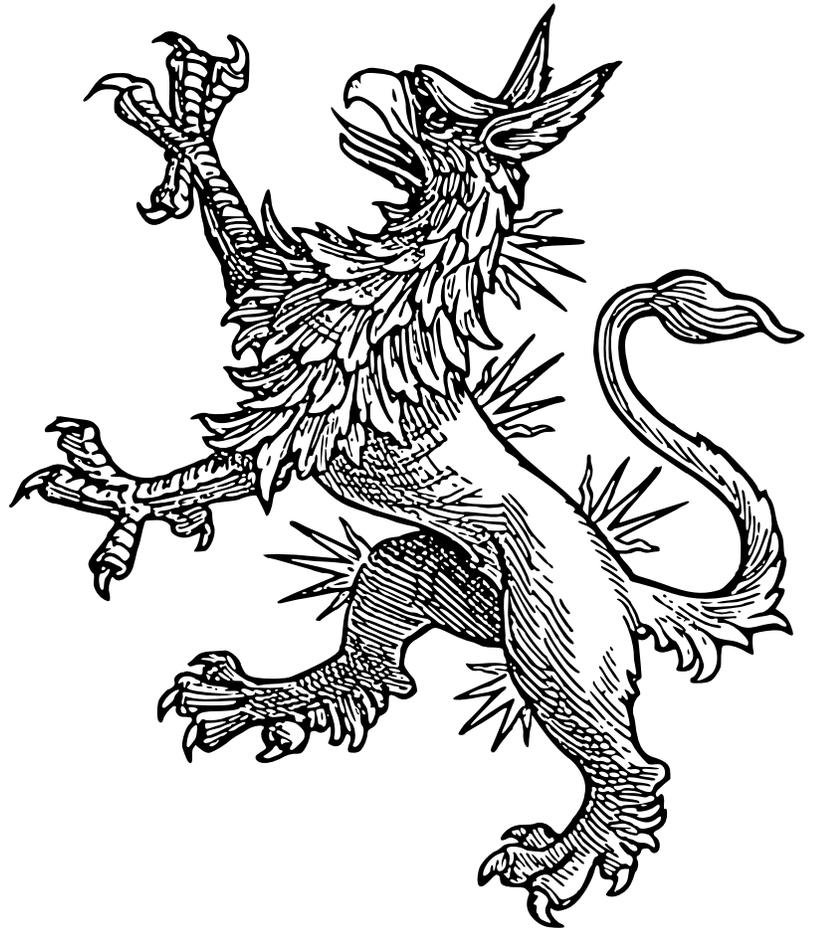
at Co-op Place (formally Wetaskiwin Drill Hall) 4519 50 Avenue,
Wetaskiwin, Alberta, T9A 3C8

On the horizon Borealis sees the enemies on their borders; the faraway hordes are massing, encroaching on Borealis lands. The lost Vikings, on behalf of the Barony of Borealis, call to muster all fighters, all rapiers, all archers, all bards, all artisans to repel the oncoming onslaught on this 40th Anniversary of Winter War.

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Scan the QR code to
be taken to the
events page!



Want more information? Check out the facebook event page or message the event organizer, Falaen O'Dalaigh at falaen.odalaigh@gmail.com

FORESTER'S CHALLENGE

Looking for a little bit of project or activity inspiration? Perchance, a little bit of personal motivation? If so, the Æthelmearc Royal Foresters Guild is once again hosting their Foresters Challenge. Participants need not be members of the Guild, nor resident in Æthelmearc, to undertake activities and join the Challenge. There is still plenty of time, as the Challenge runs through to June 19, 2026.



Within the SCA, foresters are a group of enthusiastic, supportive, and friendly souls for whom camping, pavilioning and, outdoor living count among the finer things in life. It is the purpose of foresters to research, recreate, educate, and demonstrate historical tools, methods, equipment, and techniques for living, camping, traveling, and cooking in the wilderness. We engage in travel overland and via inland waterways, with equipment both medieval and modern. Martial, arts & sciences, and service activities abound, as does persona development relevant to field, farm and forest pursuits.

If any, or all, of the above is of interest to you, please look to The Foresters Challenge guidelines and activity descriptions at <https://aethelmearcforesters.weebly.com/the-long-trail/2025-2026-aethelmearc-foresters-guild-challenges>. The Æthelmearc Foresters can also be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/830976317838192>.

WHO ARE THE FORESTERS?

As explained on their website, The Aethelmearc Royal Foresters Guild is a place for those interested in exploring the outdoors as their SCA persona might have done so in the past. Kingdom Foresters learn and demonstrate historic camping, primitive fire starting, bushcraft, hiking, foraging, fishing, hunting, outdoor cooking, or any number of other related pursuits (or kit building to better do those activities in a period style). If these are these of interest to you, we would love to get to know you better as we are always looking for new recruits to explore our Sylvan lands and history alike!



WHAT THE HECK IS THE... ORDER OF THE HORN & SWORD

As the Children of the Minotaur pride themselves on their Martial prowess and their accomplishments on the fields of battle and in celebration of the leadership of Sir Edward Ross, founding Baron of Montengarde, it is ordered that an honour be created in recognition of his dedication to that warrior spirit which has typified this Barony since its founding as a Shire.

The Baronial Order of the Horn & Sword is to be bestowed upon those individuals whose martial actions on the field best exemplify the pursuit of honour and glory in the name of the Barony of Montengarde and whose actions and leadership we as the populace can take pride in. This was last awarded on July 19th, 2025 to Genevieve Cadieux, as seen below



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MONTENGARDE?

Recently, a brave band of our community ventured forth to Bowness Park for an unofficial skate day, boldly challenging the most fearsome foe of the season: the ice itself. Armed with feet-blades instead of swords and balance instead of shields, our valiant skaters took to the frozen expanse with admirable courage (and only minimal wobbling).

Despite treacherous footing and the ever-present threat of an undignified tumble, spirits remained high and laughter echoed across the park. Whether gliding gracefully or clinging heroically to the rink's edge, all who attended proved that true medieval fortitude knows no season. The ice was conquered, camaraderie was strengthened, and all returned victorious!





WHAT DO YOU
CALL A
MEDIEVAL SPY?

This is why no one
goes on watch with
you

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