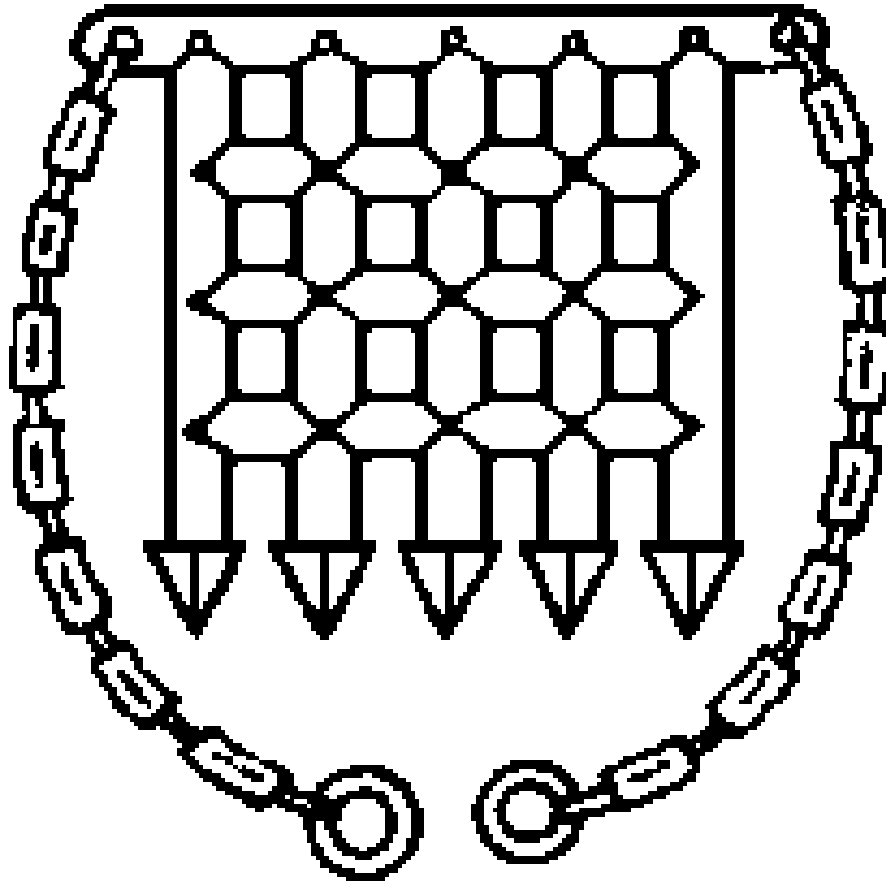


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Principality of Avacal

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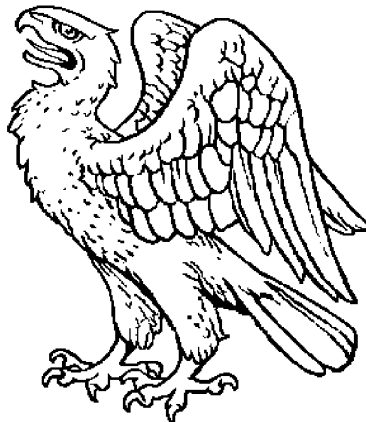
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Gatherings

Council Meetings

Third Monday of each month at Lord
Eggbert's house at 7:30pm

Fighter Practice

Monday and Thursday at 7pm in the UNBC
Lab Building Rotunda, and Sunday at noon
in the UNBC Agora

Archery Practice

Prince George: Sunday at noon off the
Hart Highway at the end of Perrin Heights
Vanderhoof: Check the Cold Keep Forum

Socials

First Wednesday of each month at Lord
Eggbert's house

Cold Keep Web Site

http://www.geocities.com/trad_archer77/ColdKeep/ColdKeep.htm

Wolfpack Web Site

<http://www.varghala.com/>

Calendar

November		
5-6	Ferret's Feast	Valley Wold
12	Beaucoup des Armes V	Cold Keep
12	Skull 'n' Crossbones Tavern	Sigelhundas
25-27	Avacal Coronet Tournament	Borealis
December		
3	Yule Feast	Borealis
10	Feast of Favours	Cold Keep
17	Ravensweir Yule	Ravensweir
January		
21	Montengarde 12th Night	Montengarde
28	Avacal War Practice	Myrgan Wood
February		
4	Feast of the Evergreens	Bordergate

Wolfpack Beaucoup des Armes V

**November 12, 2005
Shire of Cold Keep, Avacal (Prince George, BC)**

The Wolfpack is pleased to announce a pas d'armes style tournament at the UNBC Wintergarden* followed by a feast at the Kinsmen Hall**.

Combatants will fight for the pleasure of the gallery. The gallery will choose the champions of the day based on the combatants' display of Chivalry, Valour, and Prowess.

Some of the other activities include the 5th Annual Wolfpack Bardic Championship, Dessert Auction, and our ever-popular Not-So-Silent Auction at the feast hall site.

New this year to our already existing Bardic Championship categories of Overall, Traditional & Contemporary, sure to be a crowd pleaser: Cheesiest '80s Filk!

Polling regarding Principality borders and Cold Keep will take place the morning of the event (see schedule below).

Ithra-style classes may be available Friday evening and/or Saturday of the event, TBA.

UNBC site opens at 10:00am and closes at 5:00pm. Feast hall opens at 5:00pm and closes at midnight.

Schedule of Events

UNBC

10:00am: Weldwood Theatre, Room 7-238. Open forum meeting with Their Royal Majesties of An Tir, Uther Shiemann der Hount and Angharad Drakenhefd, Their Highnesses of Avacal, Einar Vikingson and Ifatahyo al-Jenne, and Their Highnesses of Tir Righ, Ieuan and Gwyneth Gower regarding Cold Keep and Principality Borders & Populace poll considering Cold Keep and Principality borders: Stay in Avacal or move to Tir Righ

12:00pm: Beaucoup tourney begins

4:00pm: Beaucoup tourney ends

Kinsmen Hall

5:00pm: Doors open to feast hall open

6:00pm: Feast & bardic competition begin

7:15pm: Court

8:30pm: Dessert auction and not-so-silent auction begin

Site Fee

Adults: \$5 (non-member surcharge of \$4/person in effect for those without proof of membership)

Children 12 & under: free

Feast tickets: \$10 (by reservation through the autocrat only! first-come-first-serve)

Please make cheques payable to "Shire of Cold Keep"

Autocrat

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Directions to Site

*UNBC - The Wintergarden : 3333 University Way, Prince George, BC, V2N 4Z9.

From the North: Turn left onto Tyner Blvd at the Hwy 16 and Domano/Tyner Blvd intersection. Follow Tyner up the hill, turn left at the UNBC signs onto the campus.

From the South: Turn left onto 15th Ave from Hwy 97. Follow 15th Ave through town and up Cranbrook Hill where it turns into University Way. Turn right at the UNBC signs onto the campus.

Once on campus: Entering from either of the main parking lots, follow the hallway until you reach the main agora. SCA signs will be posted.

**Kinsmen Hall : 777 Kinsmen Place, Prince George, BC, V2M 6Y7.

From UNBC: Turn left onto University Way. Turn Left onto Ospika Blvd. Turn right onto 5th Ave. Take the first right onto Stuart Dr. Turn right onto Kinsmen Pl.

Maps and further directions will be made available by the autocrat upon request.



Calendar Deadlines

HL Brigit ingen Meic Thíre Ruadh

One of the most confusing aspects of the Principality Calendar seems to be knowing which form must be where when.

In Avacal there is a deputy Calendar officer who works for the Principality Seneschal's office. It is this person's job to coordinate the efforts of the autocrats with the efforts of webpage administrators and newsletter editors. The Calendar officer should be in contact with the seneschals of every branch in Avacal on a regular basis, and especially when the branch has an event coming up. Branches should have some dates on the Calendar, set on there at February Curia. Additional dates may be added throughout the year as new events are planned.

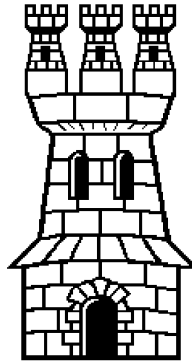


To reserve a date on the Calendar, a Date Reservation Form must be completed and submitted to the Calendar officer at least three months prior to the event. For an event scheduled for December 1st, for example, the date reservation form should be in to Calendar by September 15th. This allows the Calendar officer to verify the availability of the date, and leaves time to reschedule the event if the date is not available. Once the date is confirmed, the Calendar Deputy notifies the Avacal website, the An Tir website and the Avacal mail list (Circus). This is to ensure that everyone in the principality is aware that date is now reserved, so no other branch will choose the same date in conflict of the initial event.

Now that the date has been reserved, the autocrat must make certain preparations, most importantly, an event site must be confirmed: there must be a site listed on the next required form, the Event Information form (EIF). The Event Information form is required by both The Crier and the Kingdom Calendar before they will publish the event copy for that particular event. The Event Information form must be received by the Calendar Deputy by the 15th of the month two months prior to the event: for example, the Event Information form for the December 1st event must be received by Principality Calendar by October 15th – that is one month later than the Date Reservation form must be in. Event copy may be submitted with the EIF or it may be sent separately, but it also must be received by Calendar Deputy by the 15th of the month two months prior to the event. When the EIF is received, the Calendar Deputy notifies the editor of The Crier and Kingdom Calendar. If the event copy was included or received prior to the EIF, it will also be sent at this time. To be published in The Crier, the EIF and event copy must be received by the editor no later than the 28th of the month two months prior to the event. It is the responsibility of the Calendar Deputy to ensure this deadline is met.

These timelines allow for any last minute changes or major revisions that may be required: if the desired date is already reserved, there will be time to set a new date or request permission to conflict on the same date, with Their Highnesses' permission. If the event copy is incomplete, or too long, there is enough time before the Crier deadline to make the necessary additions or changes. It is the Calendar Deputy's job to proof-read the copy for such changes and to work with the autocrat so that the event copy meets the requirements of The Crier.

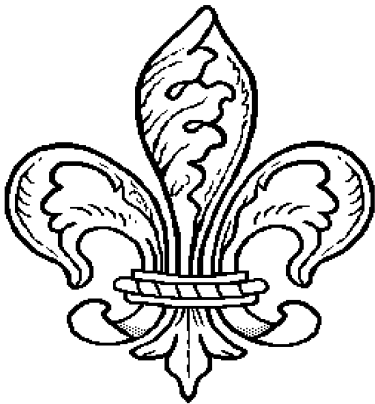
Important Note: Both the Date Reservation form and the Event Information form are kingdom forms and instruct that the form should be sent to Kingdom Calendar: in Avacal, the forms are sent to the Principality Calendar Deputy. To send them to Kingdom could slow the process down and result in the event copy not being published in The Crier.



L'Avacal a besoin de vous!

Would you like to contribute to the strength of your Principality? Did you know that there are many opportunities to do this? We are currently looking for several Principality Officers. Check out the listings you can find in the Avantgarde. In addition, each officer should have at least one deputy to assist them and who is learning the role so they might either help someone new to the position, or take it on themselves.

There was a favourite saying of my grandmother's that I'm sure many of you have heard, "many hands make light work." I used to think it a convenient excuse to get her granddaughter off her duff to do some work. Now that I am much wiser, I recognise the wisdom in these words. And so in the spirit of my grandmother I am proposing a few deputies for the office of the Seneschalate. I know that there are times when folks are daunted by taking on an office, especially at the principality level. By breaking this large job into manageable pieces, each taken by a different pair of hands, the work becomes much lighter, and hopefully more enticing to folks. I urge anyone and everyone to consider these tasks. It does not matter whether you have experience or don't in either the SCA or real life. If you are interested, contact me and I will help you learn the role and you may even find that you like it. All I really ask is that you care about making this Principality stronger. Listed below are the deputies to the Principality Seneschal along with a short description of the job. These are coming from my head and certainly not set in stone. If you have a new idea, suggestion, would like to negotiate part of one of these and contact me!!!



Contingency Deputy: I need someone who is willing to step in and take over the position should I need to leave it suddenly.

Calendar Deputy: Managing the event forms and assisting autocrats, liaising with the Crier, and helping maintain the Principality conflict policies. This is currently ably filled by HL Brigit, although I'm sure she would love to have a Contingency Deputy if you are interested.

NMS Deputy: Being a source of information regarding the Non-Member Surcharge, reminding autocrats and exchequers to submit the required form and monies to the Principality Exchequer within 30 days of each event.

New and Incipient Branches Deputy: As our Principality grows, there are more folks looking at starting new groups, they need advice and support.

Reporting Deputy: This is a temporary position with the purpose of helping all Principality officers design and implement web-based standardized forms that Branch Officers may use to make their reports. This is the only position that would require applicants to have certain skills that I can't teach.

If you are interested in any of these, or any other Principality Office or deputy, feel free to contact the Officer or myself and ask questions. In November I will be at Pirate's Tavern in Sigelhundas and Coronet in Borealis.

Roxanne Delaroche
Seneschale d'Avacal

Of Note

Some clip art used is from Lord Kyl's Clipart Web Page: <http://clipart.lordkyl.net/>

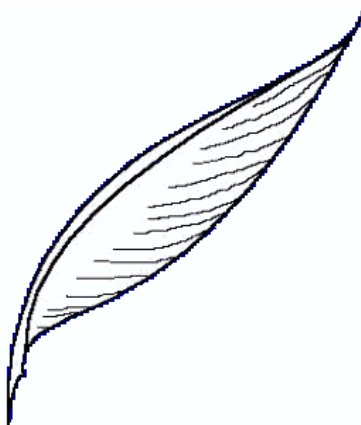
Chronicler Comments

Lord Brynach ap Rhys

Thank you for reading the October 2005 issue of The Portcullis. In November, my two year term as shire chronicler will end, as per the Shire of Cold Keep Policy. If you are interested in this position, please contact me or the seneschal of the shire. Please check in the "Shire Officers Needed" section for further details on the duties of the chronicler, as well as several other offices that are open or soon to be open.

Yours in service,

Brynach ap Rhys, Cold Keep Chronicler and Webminister



Shire Officers needed

The **Seneschal** is the chief administrative officer of the Shire. (Modern equivalent is "President".) The Seneschal shall also serve as the principal legal representative of the Society within this Shire. The responsibilities of the Seneschal shall include: assist the populace in matters of Kingdom Law and Corpora; receive copies of all Shire officer reports; and hold regularly scheduled Council meetings.

The **Herald** is the chief heraldic officer of the Shire. The responsibilities of the Herald shall include: facilitate the timely processing of registration of arms, devices and badges of the populace of the Shire; advise the populace on matters of ceremony and protocol; encourage the practice of heraldry within the Shire; and be responsible for official announcements at Shire events.

The **Master of Blades** is the rapier officer for the Shire. The responsibilities of the Master of Blades shall include: facilitating the education of the populace in rapier combat with the aim of encouraging authentic, safe, fair and chivalric combat to the greatest extent possible; enforcing the rules for period rapier combat; and enforcing standards for safety and equipment for period rapier combat.

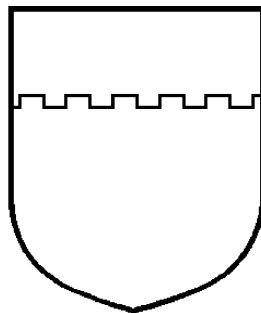
The **Chronicler** is the chief record keeper for the Shire. (Modern equivalent is "Secretary".) The responsibilities of the Chronicler shall include: publishing The Portcullis, the official newsletter for the Shire; and keeping the minutes at Council meetings, and for the timely distribution to the Shire populous.

The **Chatelaine** is the chief newcomers welcome officer for the Shire. The responsibilities of the Chatelaine shall include: be responsible for the introduction of new and prospective members; providing education on the conventions of the current middle ages and the Kingdom of An Tir; encourage active participation and period behaviors; and represent the Society accurately and favorably.

The **Chirurgion** is the chief first aid officer for the Shire. The responsibilities of the Chirurgion shall include: providing voluntary first aid at Society events including, but not limited to, tournament combat; and notifying attendees of health and safety concerns at Society events.

The **List Minister** responsibilities shall include: maintain a listing of all authorized fighters and marshals in the Shire; and organize and coordinate the Lists.

The **Pied Piper** is the officer in charge of encouraging opportunities for entertainment and education of SCA participants under the age of 18. Duties include: serving as an information officer for safety issues effecting children and teens at events; organizing activities for children at Shire events; educating children on age related topics on aspects of the Society and our historical period of study; and sharing knowledge with interested persons on children's activities.



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