

The King's Garb



-*Bathing gypsies*, by Johannes Lingelbach. From: <http://gallery.euroweb.hu/html/l/lingelba/index.html>
I dunno why spring makes me think of gypsies, but it does, so there you go.

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Editorial

Hey ho fellow anachronists. Thanks and congratulations on everyone who came out to Feast of the Roses. We gave the folks in Sigelhundas a good whupping, and had good times and a fantastic feast afterwards. As I'm not planning on writing an event report for this issue, congrats to L Dietrich von Kleeve, who won the Chivalry Prize for the rapier tournament, and all the rest of the Myrg rapier folks who showed themselves very well (the fact that we placed four out of the top five in a tournament that wasn't our own should do us all proud). Griffin Anatomy (the Principality-level awards of Avacal) will be discussed in this issue, as well as some promo materials for Spring Champions coming up later this month. Enjoy.

¶ **Guillemin de Rouen, Chronicler**



From the Baron & Baroness

Greetings to everyone,

We hope this finds everyone well and in good spirits in this, the beginning of spring.

As we emerge from the long cold embrace of winter, we turn our thoughts to celebration. We are looking forward to the choosing of our new Champions of Arts and Sciences and or Rapier. To all of those competing, we wish you luck.

We have decided that Helene Charesse shall become the new Baronial Chatelaine. We hope that the seasoned veterans of Myrgan Wood can offer their support to her in this new Challenge.

If you are interested in the office of Seneschal, we are currently taking applications for a Deputy Seneschal to take the office from Gerhard later this year.

Thanks you for your time. Stay warm and tipsy.

Ferghail and Catriona

Barun and Banbharun, Myrgan Wood

Principality-Level Awards

(borrowed from http://members.shaw.ca/rslansky1/avacal_herald/awards.htm, the Avacal Herald's Site)

Where Baronial awards reward service/prowess to the local area, a Principality-level award rewards service/prowess to (drum roll, please).....the Principality!!! For those of you who may not know, a Principality is an administrative division of a kingdom centered on a single geographical area. We live in the Principality of Avacal, which includes most of Western Canada, minus British Columbia. Principality awards are bestowed by the Prince and Princess and the reasons behind them are diverse and many. Most of the Principality – level awards include some part of a Griffin's anatomy, as a Griffin is the central charge on the arms of the Principality (see below). The info on local holders is taken from the Kingdom OP and is listed in that order; apologies if I missed anybody.

Award of Arms - Awarded by all Kingdoms

The Award of Arms is given by their Majesties to those who have become recognized integrated participants in the Society. Their Majesties of An Tir have delegated authority to their Highnesses to award this to individuals within the Principality. It awards the right to bear arms (armiguous). Individuals can write a letter of recommendation to Their Highnesses to recognize individuals who have become contributors to the society. I decided to list this here as AoAs are most frequently given out by TH at Principality-level events. It is one of the only Society-wide awards that are bestowed. As MANY members of the barony have been given this award, I will not attempt to list them all here.

Elder: Given to those who have been Champions of the Principality of Avacal

The Order of the Elder of Avacal is given by Their Highnesses to individuals who have fulfilled their obligations as champion in their respected discipline. This award is given at Their Highnesses discretion. This award should not be submitted by the populace.

- *Local holders:* HH Sir Gunther Rorikson, Armoured Combat
Mistress Fabienne l'Accusee, Arts and Sciences
Sir Taras of Kiev, Armoured Combat
HL Gerhard Thorwulfson, Armoured Combat
HE Raoul Achille Delaroche, Rapier Combat
L Robert of Clan Gunn, Rapier Combat

Iron Maul: Given to the runner up in Champions Sword Tournament

- *Current holder:* L Kvigir Ivarsson
- *Former holder:* HL Gerhard Thorwulfsson

Iron Arrow: Given to the runner up in the Champion Arrows Tournament

Iron Gauntlet: Bestowed upon the runner up in the Champion Rapier Tournament

- *Current holder:* L Guillemin de Rouen

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Silver Griffin: Given to the fighter and inspiration of runners up in Coronet Tournament

- *Local holders:* HH Sir Gunther Rorikson (x3)
HH Eyoddi Lokadottir
HE Catriona McManus (x2)
HE Ferghail MacIngill
Master Michael of Brecon
Sir Taras of Kiev

Gilded Griffin - Principality award for Service

This award is given to individuals who have served the principality in some form. Individuals can write a letter of recommendation to Their Highnesses to recognize an individual(s) who has provided good service to the principality.

- *Local holders:* HE Catriona McManus
Master Heinrich Alois Kannessohn
HE Gareth Bydaweyr
HE Roxanne Delaroche
HE Raoul Delaroche

Griffin's Flame - Principality award for Arts and Sciences

This award is given to individuals who exemplify excellence in the Arts and Sciences of the principality. Individuals can write a letter of recommendation to Their Highnesses to recognize an individual(s) who has enriched the principality with their skills within the Arts and Sciences community.

Dread Red Bear of Avacal - Principality award for Combat against overwhelming odds

This award recognizes individuals who have overcome overwhelming odds within the various disciplines of combat (Heavy, Rapier, or Archery). Individuals can write a letter of recommendation to Their Highnesses to recognize an individual(s) who has overcome such odds.

Princess' Knot - Principality award for service to the Princess

This award is given by the Princess to individuals whom she sees fit to bestow upon. Individuals should not send recommendations for this award. There are many local holders of this award, from many different Princesses, so they will not be listed in detail.

Prince's Favor - Principality award for service to the Prince

This award is given by the Prince to individuals whom he sees fit to bestow upon. Individuals should not send recommendations for this award. Many local people also hold this award, bestowed by many fine Princes in the past.

Griffin's Claw - Principality award for representing Avacal in an extraordinary fashion

This award recognizes an individual's ability to represent Avacal in a way that enhances the principality. Individuals can write a letter of recommendation to Their Highnesses to recognize an individual(s) who represented the principality in an extraordinary way, especially for advancing the name of Avacal outside of the Principality.

- *Local holder:* HE Ferghail MacIngill

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Golden Oak – Principality award for chivalry and courtesy

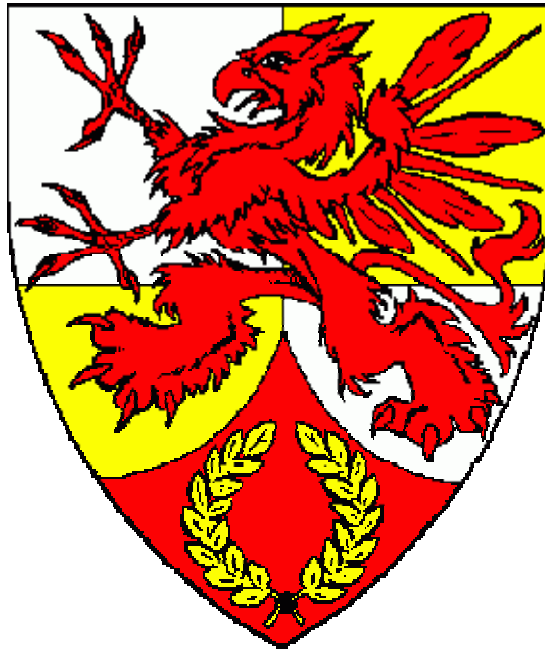
This award recognizes individuals whose conduct shows chivalry and courtesy within the principality. Individuals can write a letter of recommendation to Their Highnesses to recognize an individual(s) for their outstanding behavior.

Griffin's Heart – Principality award for Persona Development

This award recognizes individuals who have developed their persona through research and accomplishments so as to personify a more period manner. Individuals can write a letter of recommendation to Their Highnesses to recognize an individual(s) who has developed their persona in a more period fashion.

Order of the Order of the Valorous Warrior – Principality award that recognizes those who excel in the martial arts

This award is given to individuals who excel in any of the martial arts (heavy, rapier, combat archery, target archery, or thrown weapons). Individuals can write a letter of recommendation to Their Highnesses to recognize an individual(s) who has established themselves as exemplary within their discipline.



What it Meant to be Champion

At February Investiture last year, I placed well in the Principality Rapier Tournament. In fact, I was the highest placed fighter from our Barony. As a result, I was given the honour of calling myself Myrgan Wood's Champion of Rapier for the past year (and I did, wherever people would listen!). As the time to choose my successor approaches, I would like to share with all of you what it's been like to hold the Championship and the reasons why you should enter my tournament (and/or Lord Hamish's tournament, if you are so inclined) and attempt to succeed me. I know that Hamish shared many of these same feelings during his time as Champion, unfortunately I came up with the idea too late to contact him. Ask him yourself and I'm sure he'll be glad to share.

By the book, a Baronial Champion really has few duties. He/she is to attend Their Excellencies, promote the good name of the Barony, promote the expansion of their chosen discipline within and without of the Barony, and choose a successor in the year to follow. I can say without doubt that I have fulfilled my obligations (with the exception of a successor, which will soon be remedied). But a championship should not be regarded as a burden or as added responsibility, but as a great honour and opportunity to further prove oneself in that particular discipline. And, as I will point out, the benefits of holding a Baronial championship far outweigh the detriments (if they can be called so).

As Champion, I not only promoted our Barony to the far reaches of the Kingdom (attending May Crown near Chiliwack last year), but the championship itself promoted me. It gave me the opportunity to be one of the first to stumble over my tongue during the introductions of the Principality rapier tournament. Also, by repeating it slowly and often, it also helped a select few people learn the correct pronunciation of my name. Also, because everyone is well aware of the fierce reputation of fighters from the Myrg (be they rapier, heavy, or archers), the title sometimes also comes with some amount of respect and distance on the field.

A part of the duties associated with attending Their Excellencies is to stand guard behind the Baronial Thrones, which, far from being a burden, is actually a great honour. Being a Champion gives you a front row seat to most of the action, whether it be Vik's quiet jokes or Joseph prancing around the hall. Not to mention the fact that being in the mix at large Principality events has been an excellent opportunity to meet the movers and shakers of our Principality. And standing tall in the gorgeous Champion's cloak behind the Thrones certainly doesn't hurt either.

I have been honoured and privileged to spend the past year carrying the title of Baronial Rapier Champion, and I am sure that my successor will do an equal, if not better, job of it. I implore all my fellow rapier fighters to contend in my upcoming tourney and attempt to win for themselves and their inspirations the honour that it has been my joy to bear over the past year.

In Service,

L Guillemin de Rouen
Baronial Rapier Champion, Provost
Man-at-Arms to L Hamish MacCarraig

Upcoming Event- Myrgan Wood Spring Champions

Autocrat: [Lord Hamish MacCarraig](#)

The Barony of Myrgan Wood invites you to join us as we hold our Myrgan Wood Spring Champion's event. Once again this event will be held as a dessert banquet and Masked Ball, on April 23rd in the Barony of Myrgan Wood, at the Cosmopolitan Senior Citizen Centre: 614 11th Street E, Saskatoon.

Site fee will be \$8, this will include the dessert buffet, the NMS fee of \$4 will be applied. Make cheques payable to SCA Myrgan Wood.

Site will open at 10 am with A&S competition throughout the day, Site closes at 12am. Space will be available if you would like to display a project from outside the Barony.

There will be the Baronial Rapier Championship tourney run during the day open to all competitors; for format, contact L Guillemain. The Arts and Science competition will be held as a triathlon. Contact Lord Hamish MacCarraig, current A&S champion, for more information.

Schedule (subject to change @ TH convenience):

10 am Archery Tourney Shoot is off site: Kyoro Archery Range and Tae Kwon Do Centre at 220 20th St. W contact Lord Robert of Clan Gunn for more details, rms210@mail.usask.ca.

11 am site opens Armoured inspections start.

12 noon Armoured Tourney starts format and details to follow

1 pm Rapier inspections start

1:30 Rapier Tourney starts modified London Master's followed by single elimination. Contact Lord Guillemain de Rouen for details: rememokinawa@hotmail.com

Arts and Science judging will take place throughout the day with the prizes announced at evening court.

4 pm dance class taught by H.E. Shunzei

5pm Hall 'closes' to allow people to go and procure food. The hall will not be locked if you wish to stay on site.

6:30 hall reopens with mass quantities of desserts

Court will be held at Their Highness's convience

Directions:

From Calgary: highway 14 (22nd St.) to 3rd Ave. Turn right onto 3rd Ave. follow to 19th St. Turn left onto 19th St. cross the Broadway Bridge and drive to 11th St. which is the second left. Turn onto 11th St. and the site is on your right about midway down the block.

From Edmonton: highway 16 into the city it turns into to Idylwyld Drive. Follow Idylwyld drive to 22nd St. Turn left onto 22nd St. and follow to 3rd Ave. Turn right onto 3rd Ave. Turn left onto 19th St. cross the Broadway Bridge and drive to 11th St. which is the second left. Turn onto 11th St. and the site is on your right about midway down the block.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday April 16th: **Rapier Symposium of the North** (Jasper, AB)
- Saturday April 16th: **Pillage Practice, Sigelhundas** (Regina, SK)
- Saturday April 23rd: **Myrgan Wood Spring Champions**
- Saturday April 30th: **Spring Faire and THUA, Borealis** (Edmonton, AB)
- Saturday May 7th: **Beltaine, Montengarde** (Calgary, AB)

Please see the An Tir Calendar @ <http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/> for more events

Upcoming Demos

- **April 8th**: Camp Easter Seal Demo for Century 21: 7 pm. A group of real estate people are organizing a demo for the Easter Seals, and they'd like us to entertain. This demo may result in some fight practice space before the Spring season starts. We won't be fed or paid, but some more people would be appreciated. See Helene for details.

Regular Events

Monthly Tavern is currently held on the first Wednesday of every month at the Off-Broadway Dinner Theatre (639 Main St). Contact the Chatelaine for more information.

Fighting Practice for both Rapier and Armoured Combat is held (Winter hours):

-every Sunday at 2pm on the UofS campus in Rm. 144 Kirk Hall

-every Wednesday (except the first of every month) at 7pm, at a location To Be Announced shortly. Don't be afraid. Contact the Master of Stables for more info.

Target Archery Practice is currently held once a month at the Koro Archery Range and Tae Kwon Do Centre at 220 20th St. W

Contact the Missile Marshal for more information.

Arts and Science Classes are held roughly biweekly subject to availability of instructors and space. See mailing list or contact Arts and Sciences Minister for more information.

Web Links

The SCA Corporate Homepage: <http://www.sca.org/>

The Kingdom of An Tir's Homepage: <http://www.antir.sca.org/>

The Principality of Avacal's Homepage: <http://avacal.antir.sca.org>

Myrgan Wood's Homepage: <http://www.chainmailstore.com/mw/>

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