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**Zevack:** (Bardic) Lord Samuel Strangefellow

**Estradni Umelec:** (Arts & Sciences) HE Wulfric Tyrrell

# Vatabians, Friends and Family, We Miss You!

In preparing to compose this missive today, as we do each quarter, we reviewed our previous messages. Obviously, it is striking just how much our world has changed in a few short months. Throughout these difficult times, We have been continually impressed with our populace, in the resilience, supportiveness, adaptability and steadfast love shown for each other, Calontir, and what we do. You are truly dauntless!! It has warmed our hearts and brought hope for the coming days. We have all witnessed great acts of kindness and generosity, learned many skills and technologies, taken a variety of classes and made new friends. As history often repeats itself, we will emerge from these difficult times with a New Renaissance.

Our spirits are hopeful and renewed with the recent announcement of Their Royal Majesties that we will once again be able to meet in person. With this exciting news comes great responsibility. We ask that you use caution, and temper the enthusiasm we each share for gathering together. Please make measured decisions for friends and family. We will continue the use of Zoom for our in person meetings, allowing those of you who may be more comfortable attending virtually, to do so. We also will encourage use of face masks, social distancing, and limited group sizes, in accordance with our local modern requirements, as we slowly begin to emerge. We also ask for your continued patience and support for one another as we reintegrate and adapt to our new realities with an awareness that our situation is ever changing.

Currently we are in the process of putting together a survey for collecting and updating the baronial census with contact information, preferred methods of contact, and other pertinent information. This information will be utilized and maintained by the Seneschal and Baronage for essential business and emergency contact. Please look for this survey in the coming months.

Looking to the future, plans are well underway for the Wichita Fall Ren Faire September 26th-27th. This is always a fun and exciting demo/baronial fundraiser. We are scheduled to run two pop booths as well as our usual line up of activities, including fighting, displays, and demonstrations. This year, thanks to Mistress Sorcha, we will also have a may-pole for dancing. Let us highlight the joys of pageantry, artistry and chivalry of the SCA. We will also host our Baronial Champions Tournaments at this time. There is always something for everyone. We will need the help of our entire community. It is shaping up to be a great Renaissance Faire! Mark your calendars today!!

We miss you all, and are looking forward to the time we can be together again,

In faithful service and love'

Lawrence and Genevieve  
Baron and Baroness  
Barony of Vatavia, Kingdom of Calontir

## FROM THE SENESCHAL

Salutations Vatavia!

With months of being in the Covid-19 shut down of us all and not being able to play our game with others comes News from their Majesties. By the time you see this newsletter their Majesties have now posted (6-17-2020) that we as a Kingdom can start meeting once again with some exceptions. The exceptions will be posted soon so stay tuned for details. Slow movement on this will be nice as we can get used to the new type of normal. A walk and not run scenario.

We have two events we are looking for bids on. First is Winter War Maneuvers which we would like to happen in late January or early February. This event gets everyone who fights ready for Gulf Wars. If interested, please feel free to ask HE Genevieve on the details of this event. Second is Next Valor (41) which will happen Memorial Day Weekend 28-30 May 2021. Once again, please feel free to ask me or others on what is involved for this event. We have notes and budgets for a lot of events for the past ten years or so. When submitting bids please email myself and their Excellencies the bid.

We also have a demo coming up on 26-27 September 2020 at the Sedgwick county Park. This Ren-Fair will be ran by the Officers. If you would like to help please ask, I can point you in the right direction. The areas are A&S, Voice Heraldry with a little fun thrown in, Heavy Fighting, Cut & Thrust, setup and tear down and helping with the Pop Booth. Also, if you would like to assist with heading up one of the above areas, get with the appropriate Officer and get ready for fun. My contact email is [seneschal@baronyofvatavia.org](mailto:seneschal@baronyofvatavia.org).

Last and not least, if you are an Officer or a Deputy that needs to submit one, remember your reports are due by July 15th, please have them in on time and cc me in on your reports.

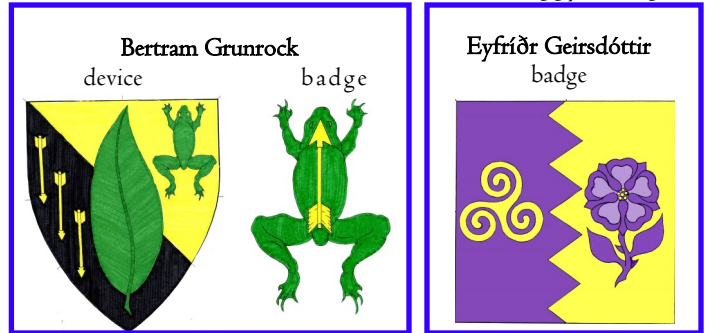
Yours in Service  
Robert Steven MacLaren  
Aka Robert the Scot

## FROM THE CALTROP PURSUIVANT

Why Hello There, Vatavia!

Since we are not having events, why not take this time to make something with your arms on it? It could be a painting, a piece of clothing, a cake, a banner...your heraldry could be put on just about anything you can imagine!

Don't have a device? Marie and I would be happy to help!



Congratulations to these individuals who's device and badges have been approved.

Stay safe and wash your hands,

Zoe

## FROM THE EXCHEQUER

Good day to all.

Here is where the Barony sits on available monies as of the end of May 2020. We currently have a balance of 17,709.16 in the bank. If there are any questions I can be reached at the Baronial website email [exchequer@baronyofvatavia.org](mailto:exchequer@baronyofvatavia.org).

YIS

Lord Konrad von Roth

## FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHAL

Greetings Vatavia!

With the uncertainty brought onto us by COVID-19 please keep a close eye on the Kingdom and Baronial websites for when we can resume official SCA practices. In the meantime, please keep your bodies in the best shape you can manage. Try to stretch and do some cardio to prevent the risk of injury when we inevitably return. I know that I am not the only one who greatly misses SCA combat so lets all do what we can to ensure we can return as normal once the restrictions are lifted. Now is a great time to watch YouTube videos on SCA combat and do some pell work. Duke Dietrich von Stroheim of Atlantia has a You Tube channel DietrichvonStroheim with tons of great training videos but that is just one of many great channels out there.

Stay Healthy,

Lord Brynjólfur 'Brynki' Fálkason



## FROM THE ARCHER MARSHAL

Greetings from the archery range,

As we await the reopening of activities within the society I encourage all archers to do their best to keep up on equipment maintenance. Once we have the ok from Kingdom and our area of the park becomes available to us again I will announce the beginning of this years practices. Start time will be the same as Fighter practice and go until no one wants to shoot .

YIS

Lord Konrad von Roth

## FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER

During this time of distancing, we are grateful for the connection virtual classes can bring. We've hosted some great local roundtable discussions, and there are even more opportunities to be had!

-'SCA Virtual Classroom and Artisan Display' is a wonderful Facebook group to see classes posted from many kingdoms.

-'Known World Entertainment Guide' is a weekly updated resource showing content from around the Known World, also on Facebook.

Stay safe, stay connected! And as always, let me know if you'd like to attend or teach a certain class.

In service,  
Eyfríðr Geirsdóttir

## OFFICERS' MEETING MINUTES

OFFICERS' MEETING | June 3, 2020

Meeting held on the Zoom Platform

Present: Zoe, William, Sorcha, Brynki, Eyfridr, Robert, Murisaki, Alia, Keven, Johann, Genevieve, Sara, and Court.

Zoe - Herald - Reported that a new badge for Eyfridr and a Name change was approved. There was also a name change approved for Lizbeth, to Lofenheidr

William - Cut and Thrust Marshal and Social Media - Cut and Thrust no Activity. In the Social Media office rules for the Facebook page and group page have been updated to follow Kingdom policies.

Sorcha - Chronicler - Newsletter artwork, articles and letters from officers are due June 17th.

Brynki - Knights Marshal - No fighting

Eyfridr - Newcomers class for next week

Konrad - Archery Marshal and Exchequer - No Archery Activity, Exchequer we currently have \$17,120.16 in the account. We are waiting for new signature cards from corporate.

Murisaki - Will be installed as the MoY, when we are able to meet again.

HE Genevieve asked for ideas to keep people interested and engaged during this time of sheltering. The following ideas were offered:

- Attend a class with someone
- Zoom fashion show
- Virtual events
- #SCA safe

Robert reported that Exploration place may need help with recent damage. He reminded everyone to renew your memberships. Corporate office extended express memberships during the Covid sheltering time, that will expire in July.

Murisaki - Murisaki, Deidra and Francesca went to visit Whispering Winds and spoke with Caretaker Dave, she suggested that we might think about doing a fundraiser for the Valor site, since they had lost the income from our event.

Chatelaine or Castellan position is open, if anyone is interested or knows of someone that would be good in this position contact the Seneschal or Baronage.

Baronial Contact list is being updated. Information collection was discussed and what information was necessary. Modern name, SCA name, Title and best way to contact you, your interests, are you willing to teach.

It was suggested that we might look into a Wiki style page for each member. We have a Calontir Wiki page for the Kingdom.

Deadline of July 1st for the Winter war Maneuver bids was set. Valor 4I revisited bid due date will be set after the July officers meeting.

Officers were asked to provide Robert with your Membership renewal dates and date that you stepped up to your office.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

## THEIR ROYAL MAJESTIES

### LUCIAN & TAMAR

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## UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

•••July•••

*All Calontir SCA  
in person events  
are suspended*

•••August•••

I-15 Pensic | **Cancelled** | Slippery Rock, PA

15 Heraldshill Annual Event | Mason City, IA

22-23 Cattle Raids | Mag Mor | Lincoln, NE

•••September•••

5 Kings Company of Archers | TBD

12 Griffin's Fest | Three Rivers | St. Louis, MO

19-20 Vertigo | Lost Moor | St Joseph, MO

26 Masters of the Duel | Lonely Tower | Omaha, NE)

## BARONIAL GATHERINGS

Populace Meeting Third Wednesday, 7-9 PM

**Make ICT**, 5920 E Mt Vernon St, Wichita, KS 67218

Fighter Practice (Armored Combat and Calon Steel)  
Sundays 12PM | **O.J. Watson Park**, 3022 S McLean  
Boulevard, Wichita, KS 67217

For more information, contact:

Lord Brynjólfur Fálkason

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Archery Practice

Sundays 12PM | **O.J. Watson Park**, 3022 S McLean  
Boulevard, Wichita, KS 67217

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Officers Meeting & Finance Meeting

First Wednesday of the month, 7-9 PM.

Open to the populace.

**Make ICT**, 5920 E Mt Vernon St, Wichita, KS 67218

Arts and Sciences Gathering 1st, 2nd and 4th  
Wednesday, 7-9 PM

**Make ICT**, 5920 E Mt Vernon St, Wichita, KS 67218

## Demos

Great Plains Renaissance Festival

September 26th and 27th

TO GET A COPY OF THE  
KNOWN WORLD HANDBOOK

Contact His Lordship Friar Thomas

316-685-1182

Handbooks are \$23.00



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## Reflections of a Becalmed Captain

*As I sit here in my cabin,*

quill in hand, gazing out the port windows, suffering in the dull drums of the modern plague,  
my mind is called to **The Dream...**

Our game encompasses a wide period of history and a world of places.

Whether your dream is:

- ◆ A Roman general leading troops to war
- ◆ A young noble dreaming of chivalrous acts on the field of battle
- ◆ A Norse raider beaching a long boat to go on a raid
- ◆ A friar setting in the cloister of a monastery transcribing God's word
- ◆ An artisan working at the wheel or the loom
- ◆ A maiden minding the hearth

Or, like me, the sailor, dreaming of the sea and a tankard of RUM.

We should all be mindful of the dream of others as we also nourish our own dream. The dull drums give us a unique opportunity to pause and listen to the dreams around us. As we start to re-open the next phase of face to face interaction within the society, I challenge each of us to be aware of The Dream and ask those we encounter what keeps their dream alive. All of us should be ready to share our dream with passion and delight.

Here are some questions to spark thoughts, but please don't stop with these... your dream is yours!

- ◆ Where does your dream take you?
- ◆ What kind of things intrigue you about that place?
- ◆ Who do you encounter in your adventures?
- ◆ When did your dream come to life for you?
- ◆ What has drawn you deeper into this dream?

At any time, my travels will take me through the waves of grain & we will find ourselves face to face with a tankard of rum and my question to you will be, **"What is your dream?"** I eagerly await the time I get to hear your response.

Yours in service to The Dream,

Lord Angus Sinclair, Captain of The Facilitator

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# What's the matter with the SCA?

By **HL Thomas Bacon**



**In** a recent discussion the old lament about the division between fighters and A&S folks came up. (A related lament is the tug of war between being fun and being authentic). These laments have been voiced since the early days of the SCA. There was even a booklet published in the eighties on this topic. Often accompanying with these laments is a touch of nostalgic about how things were when they first joined. But this dynamic is but a part of human nature.

There are several reasons why these laments keep reappearing. One is the nature of anyone's career curve in any field. When you start in a field, the tendency is to explore all aspects of that field and to want to try everything. But gaining mastery in any skill requires focus on that skill and to forego others, there is only so much time, energy, and resources. So the fighters stick to fighting, and the A&S folk settle on a particular craft. As they gain mastery, they also desire increased authenticity. The common mistake made at this point, is that they then turn around to demand the same level of authenticity from those who are new or of less skill, forgetting their own mistakes made when they were first starting.

This leads to the next reason for the lament. And that is people tend to look at the Society through the lens of their own activity. People like to assume that their contribution is central to the success of the Society. And get upset when others devalue that contribution in favor of their own contribution. This is embedded in people's need to fill important. But all contributions are needed to make the Society work. After all, A&S without the fighters is just a dressed up arts & crafts show. Fighters without the artisans is just a gussied up fighter practice.

That first reason is also behind the sense of nostalgia, particularly among those who started with new forming groups. When groups first form, everyone is involved in everything, and so they do everything together. As they begin to specialize, that cohesion weakens as subgroups form around specific activities. Also as groups grow, it becomes increasingly difficult to coordinate to a single activity. And as people come and go, that shared experience also fractures. So people begin to feel nostalgic for that sense of family they were previously experiencing.

All too often these of losses leads many to leave the Society as they perceive the Society as being no longer fun, has become too political, or the authenticity demands become too high. Particularly by those who have not found a niche, or are not progressing in whatever skill they were focusing on. They are not finding in the Society what they are looking for.

I am not sure there is a cure for this, as this is the natural evolution of human dynamics. I have watched plenty of other organizations go through the same thing. The ones that survive over the long term have done so in one of two ways. One is the constant renewal by incoming new members. This is generally how most Society groups survive. The second is for the membership to find a way to tolerate and acknowledge these differences.


So what is the matter with the SCA? Nothing that any other organization also deals with. No structural changes in the organization will change this dynamic of human behavior. All we can do is acknowledge where other people are coming from, and find ways entice them to broaden their activities.

**But above all else, pine not for what was, but work towards what could be.**



# July 2020

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