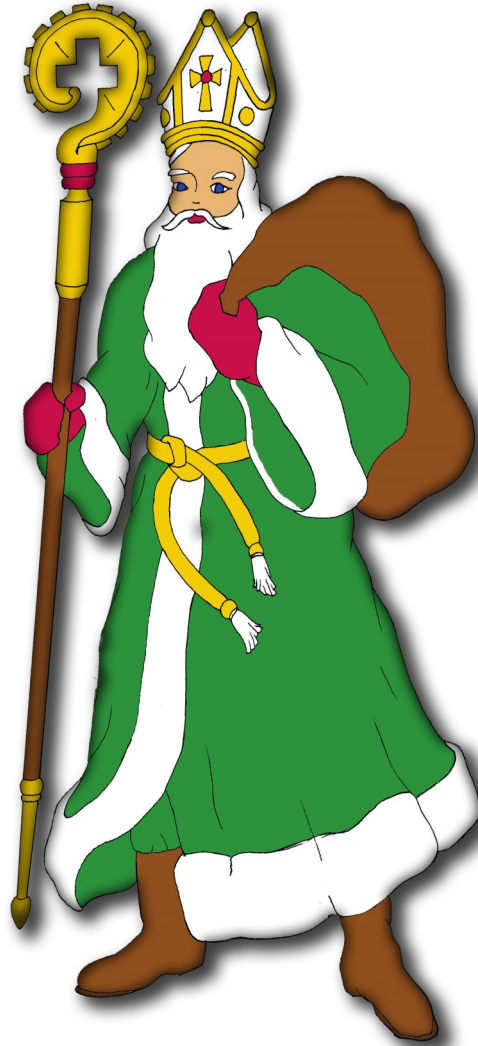


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Greetings Calontir,

As we enter the Holiday season, We cannot tell you how happy and thankful We are that We get to spend these days with you. As Our King dom Seneschal has previously stated, this will include some changes to our normal event procedures, but it is so exciting that these changes will allow us to be safe and warm by our hearth, together. We are also thrilled to finally have secured the future of the Kingdom with Heirs and have already begun working with Their Highnesses Hirsch and Magdalena to ensure that we are all working together to continue the betterment of our Calontir. Toys for Tots, as usual, is so heartwarming. Calontir has not gone un scathed over the last few years and yet you humble us with your largess and generosity to the modern community around us. We look forward to Kris Kinder and the festive cheer on the annual market day.

*Long Live Calontir
Lucian and Tamar*

*Unto the people of Calontir and to all for whom these letters meet,
Greetings,
Thank you to Their Imperial Majesties Lucian and Tamar for continued leadership and inspiration. We are grateful to the event staff for Crown Tournament, and to the List, the Heralds, the Marshals, each and every consort, combatant and bye fighters. The smoothness of the event speaks volumes about the effort and team work of everyone involved. And thank you to the populace assembled to witness Crown Tournament. The skill and communication displayed on the field of honor make Us proud, but it is each and every person in attendance that made Crown Tournament a glorious day. The outpouring of congratulations and offers of help warm our hearts. On that subject, we would like to announce that Our Chamberlain is the Honorable Lady Cecilia de Gatisbury, available at TRH-Chamberlain@calontir.org The Honorable Lady Violet Sinclair is Our Royal Scribe, and is already coordinating artwork for Our reign - please let her know if you'd like to help with calligraphy, illumination, or to learn how you can help to paint AoA scrolls.*

*We are looking forward to seeing you again soon!
Prince Hirsch and Princess Magdalena*

Greetings and Joyous Salutations for good health and bountiful New Year

We eagerly invite all those near and far to join us for our Mid Winter Merriment celebration. It promised to be a grand day of activities, rich food and comradery. Includes many indoor pursuits, games, dancing, singing and of course fighting. Our new site just off of Webb road at University Congregational Church will provide the perfect location for the festivities. Further details can be found on the flier and Facebook event page.

Their Royal Highnesses Coronation day soon approaches!! Pray attend, safe travels for all, as we hope that many of you can join us in the Barony of Lonely Tower as we witness a new age.

We are proud to be hosting our first Winter War Maneuvers this February. We are expecting a good turnout from Calontir, Ansteorra and the new Principality of Vindheim. Your assistance will be greatly needed. Sign up sheet will be posted on Facebook and available at meetings.

As the winter months bring replenishment, campaign season will soon be upon us. Now is the time to make repairs and enhance your kit. We challenge each of you to do something for yourself, something for a friend and something for your Barony or Kingdom, as good neighbors and family we must look out for one another. . . . for in the south, the Drums of war are calling on the Gulf Coast.

In faithful love and service,

Lawrence and Genevieve

Baron & Baroness

Barony of Vatavia, Kingdom of Calontir

FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings Vatavia

A continued topic that seems to be always discussed is what Covid restrictions we have at this time. First please respect others who still want or need to mask and also social distance from others. On our inside meetings at this time, we all have to mask, but no need for outside unless you are required to or want to wear a mask. We still need to sign the Contact list at every Activity. We now since our last Quarters Newsletter are now checking everyone's current Vaccination card or a Negative Covid test with-in the last 72 hours of the activity/Event. The most up to date guidelines are at this following link. <https://www.calontir.org/calontir-covidsafe-policy-implementation/> I will try to remind everyone on what our current restrictions are on the Calendar and Event/Activity posts. Also please read all the information that is on Event Flyers for Details on their Event/Activity Posts. Feel free to message me for the current restrictions if you are unclear what the currently are.

On January 5th, 2022, we will be meeting in person every Wednesday for Officer meeting, A&S and Populace around 7 pm at our new location at University Congregational Church, Inc., 9209 East 29th St N, Wichita, KS 67226, USA. Meet us on the South side of the building and entrance will be through the ADA Ramp door. On January 2nd, 2022 (Sunday) we will be meeting for some more A&S and Fighter Practice at Exploration Place, 300 N McLean Blvd, Wichita, KS 67203, USA. Come on by and see old friends and hopefully make new ones. Check the Herald (newsletter) that their Excellences put out every couple of weeks for details. I try to update the Calendar as soon as I can after each of their Posts. You can find the Baronial Calendar at <http://www.baronyofvatavia.org/>

Officers please do not forget to submit your Fourth Quarter reports into Kingdom by January 15th. Also please send me a courtesy copy so I can add it to my report.

Hope you all stay safe! If you need anything, please message me, or send me an email of your concerns or needs and I will get back to you.

A Thank You to everyone for all that you do.

Yours in Service

Robert Steven MacLaren

Aka Robert the Scot

Seneschal

Barony of Vatia

FROM THE HOSPITALER

Good gentles all,

With the New Year upon us, it is time for us to look forward to future events, demos, and opportunities to make our Barony shine. I obviously can't do the job all by myself, so every one of us will need to put our best face forward in the coming year. We have Coronation in January for those who can make the trek to Lonely Tower, Winter War Maneuvers right here on our home turf, and let's not forget that in April, Spring RenFaire will be rolling around! Plenty of opportunities to make a great first impression!

If any of you are in need of Baronial business cards, information flyers, or Kingdom bookmarks (we have recently been resupplied by Sir Cai when I saw him at Kris Kinder), come and talk to me, and I will do what I can to restock you. I am also working on a Google Doc working script for RenFaire crowds, touching on a lot of the basic points that we communicate to our demo audience - after all, I'd like other people in our Barony to be able to work the crowds, I can't always be there and neither can our wonderful demo coordinator, HE Marie Chantal. The more of us know what to say in passing, the better.

Have a very merry holiday season, and we'll see you in the New Year. Ever in service,
Kennari Johann

FROM THE EXCHEQUER

Good day to all. Here is where the Barony sits on available monies as of the end of Nov 2021. We currently have a balance of 16,310.56 in the bank. If there are any questions I can be reached at the Baronial website email exchequer@baronyofvatavia.org.

YIS Lord Konrad von Roth

FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHAL

Greetings from the Knight Marshal of Vatia.,

With the cold weather months upon us, we have moved Baronial fighter practice indoors at The Exploration Place, 300 N. McLean Blvd. Heavy armor and cut & thrust will begin at 12:00. Our location is the same as the last time at EP. Past the gift shop all the way to the end. Look forward to seeing you all. Please keep in mind the CovidSafe Policy that is in effect for our kingdom. The orders will be enforced during practice. You can read them in full here: [CovidSafe in Calontir – Kingdom of Calontir](#)

In Service,

Lord Brynjólfur 'Brynki' Fálkason

FROM THE ARCHER MARSHAL

Greetings Vativians,

The archery season has ended We will use the winter months to work on our arrows and bows.

We will be repairing arrows, making new arrows & bolts, and building crossbows. I look forward to working with everyone to improve their kits.

YIS,

Heidi Anne Draper

FROM THE CUT & THRUST MARSHAL

Greetings from Barony of Vatavia: Cut and Thrust

C/T has some exciting events coming up in the first quarter of 2022!

Sunday, January 2nd - Fighter practice: 12:00 am - 3:00 pm.
Location is Exploration Place, 300 N McLean Blvd, Wichita, KS .

- We will getting back into the swing of things and shake off the holiday... ..rust.
- Also a good time to sign up for some of the following online challenges and start the year off right:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/100dayreaperpellchallenge/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/30for30swordplay2022/>

Sunday, January 9th - Fighter Practice: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm.
Location is Exploration Place.

Wednesday January 12th - Arts & Science - Roundtable discussion on Queens Prize - What is it, how do you enter and what is required. This will venture into the discussion of documentation requirements, etc. University Congregational Church, 9209 E. 29th St. N, Wichita, KS

- This should also be the first time that fighters (C/T and Armored) have an indoor Wednesday night location. Stay tuned for updates, confirmations, and changes

Sunday, January 16th - Fighter Practice: 12:00 pm - 3:00pm.
Location is Exploration Place

Wednesday January 19th - Populace - University Congregational Church, 9209 E. 29th St. N, Wichita, KS

- Fighters welcome

Saturday, January 22nd - MidWinter Merriment - 10:00am - 6:00pm University Congregational Church, 9209 E. 29th St. North, Wichita, KS 67226

- C/T will have a small but exciting tournament
- Theme is: **Krampuskampf!**

Sunday, January 23rd - Fighter Practice: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm.
Location is Exploration Place.

Wednesday, January 26th - Makers Meetup- Bring your projects to work on, or just sit and visit and enjoy our new space. University Congregational Church, 9209 E. 29th St. N, Wichita, KS.

- Fighters welcome

Sunday January 30th, Fighter Practice: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm.
Location is Exploration Place.

C/T Events for February and beyond
February 5th - Clothiers- Shire of Cum an loLair / Winterkingdom (Vindheim)
February 6th - Fighter Practice
February 9th - Arts & Science / Fighter Practice
February 13th - Fighter Practice/Stitch & Kvetch
February 16th - Populace / Fighter Practice
February 19th - Winter War Maneuvers - Barony of Vatavia

- Even if you cannot make Gulf, PLEASE come out to help with formations, tactics, and camaraderie. Steel sharpens steel!
February 20th - Fighter Practice/Stitch & Kvetch
February 23rd - Ropes and Knot tying class by Mathias Worces-

tershire & Fighter Practice
February 26th - Chieftains - Barony of Three Rivers
February 27th - Fighter Practice/Stitch & Kvetch
March 6th and 9th - Last two practices before Gulf Wars 2022!
March 12th- 20th - GULF WARS
March 23rd, 27th, & 30th - Fighter Practice

Joachim Courtenay der Marxbruder – Barony Cut & Thrust Marshal
En Garde! Ready? Have Fun!

FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER

Greetings fellow Vatavians,

As we enter a new year, we look forward to even more activities. Regular Sunday "Stitch an Kvetch" will be taking place at the winter location of Exploration Place from 12-3 alongside of fighter practice. We look forward to seeing everyone and their projects. We also look forward to the upcoming classes and discussions. On Wednesday January 12, we will be having a round table discussion of Queen's Prize, led by Baroness Genevieve. Saturday January 22nd at Midwinter Merriment we will be having an A&S competition for any item you have made for your persona. As well, there will be an illuminated cards make and take activity. For February, we are switching the normal order for scheduling reasons. Wednesday the 9th will be our Maker's Meetup and on Wednesday the 23rd, Matthias Worcestershire will be teaching a knot tying class. As anyone who was in the Dell at the last Ren Faire will attest, this is an important skill to have. Looking out to March, on the 9th, Matthias will be leading a coptic book binding class and on the 23rd we will have our usual Maker's Meetup. Remember, I am always looking for new ideas for classes and discussions. If you have a class you are interested in teaching or a subject you would like to learn more about, please send me an email at the address below.

YIS Lady Ália Martialis

artsandsciences@baronyofvatavia.org

FROM THE MINISTER OF YOUTH

Happy Holidays! These past few months have been somewhat busy for your MOY. To start with, I have continued my task of going through the MOY tubs to evaluate the contents within them. Last month, I submitted a small budget for MOY needs for the upcoming year and it was approved. To finish, I had a wonderful conversation with the Kingdom MOY that was focused on the exchanging of ideas while at Kris Kinder.

Yours In Service
Lady Fujihara Murasaki
Vatavia MOY

OFFICERS' MEETING MINUTES

OFFICERS' MEETING—October 6, 2021

Studio School, 751 George Washington Boulevard, Wichita Ks, 67211

13 members were present: 8 Baronage/ officers/ deputies; 4 members of the populace; 1 child

Project work days for Winter War Maneuvers will be scheduled. The deadline for bids for Valor XLI has passed. The financial committee will meet to consider the for approval the bid received.

Due to fee changes a new location to hold Midwinter Merriment. A planning committee being formed for this local event is looking for volunteers. After December 31 a new weekly meeting site will also be needed.

This year's Renaissance Festival set attendance and pop sales. Work on projects for the next Festival will continue. It was discussed. Based on the new Boo at the Zoo format Vataivia will not be volunteering. Her Excellency Genèvieve will be contacting Barnes and Noble about scheduling gift wrapping. No special themes will be scheduled with Exploration Place until after January 1, 2022. It will be requested to resume fighter practice at EP January 2, 2022 through mid-March.

There is one heraldic name proposal in process; another was just sent in. The 4th quarter *Dragonflyre* will have the theme of what was done or what we do in dormant winter. Deadline for submissions is December 15th. The Chatelaine report has been sent in. It is estimated we reached about 6250 people. The upcoming arts and sciences classes were announced: October 13th Frithuswith on period embroidery stitches; November 10th fabric stamping with a workday for backdrops the 17th and additional days to be scheduled; February 23 Matthias teaching knots with a workday for tent ropes; March 9th Matthias Coptic book binding.

Social Media is working on getting the Kingdom guidelines from the web link. The Web Minister is working on changing the look of the web site.

The current bank statement shows a balance of \$16,426.34 with two checks outstanding. The gratuity from the Renaissance Festival still needs to be deposited. It is planned to do the new bank card to coincide with local and Kingdom office changes beginning 2022. With the new bank merger at the same time account options and new checks will be considered. Although the bank would prefer all electronic procedures. However hard copy statements are required. A finance committee separate from the Officers' date will be scheduled to go over the Valor bid. Budget requirements for 2022 from each officer need to be sent to the Exchequer by November 1 to facilitate producing the 2022 budget.

Archery practice at OJ Watson Park will end October 30th when the Park goes to winter hours. It has not been decided if the previous winter schedule at alternate locations in Hutchinson and Andover will be held. The Archer Marshal is looking for a crossbow pattern to have sessions for those wishing to make one. Also a class on arrow making is possible. The Knight Marshal plans to check about moving practice to the front of the Park for November, when weather permits. It there are spear authorizations at Toys for Tots Joachim will have spears available there for people to use.

Award recommendations are needed by both the Baronage and Their Majesties. For Kingdom award recs it was suggested to add when and what events the individual will attend. Quarterly reports are due the end of next week. Officers were reminded to send the appropriate copies to the Seneschal and Baronage.

The Board of Directors directive to require proof of vaccination is controversial. Their Majesties, Their Highnesses and the Witan will make the decision at Crown Tournament on this. There have already been meetings with the Baronages and Seneschals to discuss this. The Kingdom Seneschal has asked for feedback from the populace.

The passing of member Andreas ap David from complications of COVID was announced.

The meeting adjourned.

OFFICERS' MEETING— November 3, 2021

Studio School 751 George Washington Boulevard, Wichita Ks, 67211

18 members were present: 10 Baronage/ officers/ deputies; 5 members of the populace [two left before the meeting began]

Toys for Tots November 20th in Jefferson City, Missouri will have the first spear authorizations for Cut and Thrust and its first archery competition. Participation in competitions and tournaments at this event have a donation fee of a new toy of a minimum \$5 value. Kris Kinder is December 11th in the Kansas City area. This is the same day as the Investiture for the Principality of Vindheim in Oklahoma. Winter Coronation is scheduled for January 8, 2022 in Lonely Tower, Omaha, Nebraska. With Winter War Maneuvers here in Vatavia at the Farha Sports Complex on February 19, 2022. The event stewards are looking for a post revel site, crash space and a crash space coordinator.

A location is still being sought for our local Midwinter Merriment celebration. No demonstrations or presentations for other organizations are currently scheduled.

The arts and sciences classes and Sunday 'Stitch and Kvetch' have been well attended. Classes currently scheduled are November 10th fabric printing, December 8th making felt dolls, February 23rd Matthias teaching knots. January has open dates. Those interested in doing a class should contact the Arts and Sciences Minister. Calltrop staff reported the publication of Matthias's name and shield proposals on the Kingdom letter which will be decided on November 22nd. Konrad's name change will be decided at national in November with notification expected in January. The Web Minister asked members to look at the new web site. It was requested to let the Minister know if there was a problem with the new background. Work continues on finalizing the Gold Key and Minister of Youth inventories. The Hospitaller will deliver some of the brochures to the next fighter practice. The Seneschal has a donation of arts supplies for the MoY.

The Exchequer reported a balance of approximately \$16,423. Budget requests were due today; only two had been received. The Hospitaller stated he needs the figures from the recent printing for that office's request. It was noted that the link to that information fails. There will be a finance meeting November 17th which is also the monthly populace meeting. The Valor 41 bid will be presented for approval. It was noted that the meeting is open for anyone interested. Due to the bank's computer being down details on the account under the new merger are still unanswered. The signature card will not be done until January to coincide with the change of the Kingdom Exchequer. It was announced that the gratuity from the Museum of World Treasures should be received in two weeks.

Fighter practice will be starting at noon when it is warmer and now at the front of OJ Watson Park. A 45° temperature cut off will be in effect. Cancellations will be decided and posted 2 hours before the scheduled practice. The fighters and Marshals will discuss and decide the start date and time in January for indoor practice at Exploration Place.

Archery will start doing classes in the winter months on construction for arrows, bolts, bow strings and two types of crossbows, hand and full size. Metal prods are recommended as more durable than fiber glass. The classes will also facilitate repairs on the Baronial archery equipment. Individuals interested in stepping in to marshal archery activities when the current Archer Marshal is unavailable are being sought.

The Kingdom bid for Masters of the Duel is open till the end of November. It was approved that if no bid is received from another group that Joachim will produce a bid for Vatavia to host the event. Vatavia's required bid to host the Spring Crown Tournament April 2023 is due April 2022.

The local calendar will be updated with the new schedule dates and times. The Arts and Sciences Minister reminded members to do award recommendations. Her Excellency announced she had three boxes of garb donated from Bois d'Arc for the populace of Vatavia. The Property Master has projects lined up to repair, rebuild, and paint Baronial property in time for the Spring Renaissance Festival April 9th-10th, 2022. With the success of the pop booth this last Fall, two are planned for Spring.

The Seneschal asked officers and their deputies to consider a goal for the coming year beyond what they usually do for their office. What is the one thing that each would like to accomplish in the coming year.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

OFFICERS' MEETING—December 1, 2021

the Studio School 51 George Washington Blvd. Wichita, Kansas, 67211
17 members were present; 2 on Zoom: 12 Baronage/officers/deputies; 4 members of the populace; 1 child

There will be no Vatavia meetings Wednesday December 22nd or Sunday December 26th. December 29th is the last meeting at the Studio School. A new weekly meeting site is still being considered and locations looked at. Their Excellencies and the Seneschal ask the populace to inform them about their ideas on this. They also ask how many months is an indoor location needed. Over the history of the Barony a variety of different ways have been done to answer the needs of the Barony. It was suggested to do some form of online survey.

Winter War Maneuvers are in Vatavia February 19th at the Farha Soccer field at the South YMCA off Meridian. The flier and website are up. It has been asked that members preregister. The venue does not allow outside food to be brought in. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs. Crash space locations are needed. Robert the Scot is the contact person who will be coordinating crash space needs. A Royal Liaison is needed. Sign up sheets for various jobs will be posted.

Midwinter Merriment found a site, the Congregational Church, 2909 NE 29th Street N just off Webb Rd. The event will be January 22nd from 10am-4pm. A pot luck will be done with the Baronage providing the meat. Serving will be done as a serving line following current SCA food service guidelines. There will be a \$5 per person site fee. Sign up sheets will be available in the near future.

There are currently there are five heraldic proposals in process at Kingdom and National/Laurel. December 8th arts and sciences will be a class on felt doll making. 2022 classes are being determined and scheduled. Up dating the Baronial calendar for all activities in the coming first quarter are being done. The Chronicler is accepting pictures, articles, songs, recipes, and other submissions on the theme of winter activities up till December 15th. Permission to publish forms are needed for any submissions. The Web Minister will be updating the Champions' list. Contact information is needed to add the Cut and Thrust officers. The Minister of Youth has one more to check to complete that office inventory.

The November bank statement has not yet been received. There is approximately \$16,520 in the account. The checks have been ordered and received. Deposit slips need to be ordered. The honorarium from the Museum of World Treasures has still not been received. There will be a finance meeting December 15th at the December populace meeting. It was proposed to use the special donated garb for a fund raiser auction.

Fighter practice continues outdoors as long as the weather is acceptable. The 45° by noon policy will be used to determine whether to cancel practice. Practice will move to the indoor location at Exploration Place in January. The location in the building might change January 2nd depending on the transition between exhibits. It was announced that His Excellency Lawrence authorized in cut and thrust spear at Toys for Tots.

The Archer Marshall is still looking for a deputy to run activities when she is not able to be there. Arrow making and cross bow making classes are being planned. The possibility of Zooming those classes was suggested.

The Seneschal covered the COVID Safe Policy for attending any activities. Before even signing the attendee contact sheet members must show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test no more than three days before the activity. Electronic proof is acceptable. Individuals doing the checking must verify that they personally have seen every person's documentation. If the person doing the checking must leave or another person takes over an entirely new 'sign/in/tracking' sheet must be done.

The Seneschal requested that all officers and deputies that have not done so to send him their personal office goals for the coming year. Having our goals will help him plan his goals.

The Crown bid from Vatavia for 2023 will be due at Kingdom April 2022. their Excellencies would like proposals in by 15th of February 2022 for consideration.

The meeting adjourned.

FINANCE MEETING— November 17, 2021

Studio School 751 George Washington Blvd, Wichita Kansas 67211.

Committee members present were Kris Griffith-Bumgardner/ HE Genèvieve de Chambéry; Dr. Larry Bumgardner/ HE Lawrence Taillefer the Leech, Robert Botkin/ Ld. Robert the Scott; Kurt Jones/ Ld..Konrad von Roth; Kevin Larsen/ Ülfr Halfdane - incoming treasurer; Mary J. Day/ HE Marie and Aimme Moisa/ Ly. Alia Martialis representing the populace. Also in attendance were 9 other members.

The meeting was to finalize the budget for 2022. It has been pended to the December Officers' meeting to finish obtaining the possible locations and costs of a weekly meeting site. No budget recommendation for a weekly site could be made at this time.

Changes were made to reduce Spring and Fall Ren fairs to \$100 each; reduce Arts and Sciences to \$100; add the Castellan's budget of \$200; increase the Web Minister by \$200, for software, to \$310; add to Baronial property \$75 for reflective paint for signs. All other line items were either unchanged or had no budget requested for the coming year. A budget line item was added for the office of the Minister of Youth which had not been filled for several years.

Kingdom recommended guidelines are to maintain 2 years of regular annual budget. The current budget of \$8485 exceeds half of the current bank balance. Different fund raising options were suggested. Minimal fees for local activities was discussed. The procedure for arts and sciences classes was covered. Instructors are responsible for supplies, to be compensated directly to the instructor through a class fee for said materials. With little income from the last year due to COVID restrictions things need to be run tighter, financially, in the coming year. The conundrum of including a tithe in the budget was raised in the discussion on events.

It was approved for this budget year to order new checks with the current, correct bank information for \$65.

The event bid for Valor 41 was presented. Since the event has had to be canceled and rescheduled twice some expenditures may change. It is being negotiated to have the original site rental not raised from \$2000 to \$2500. Sanitation expense may change from the 2021 price quote. The order will be made after January 1st. Feast is planned to be done under the current procedural guidelines covering the serving of food. The tentative Valor bid was accepted.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Mary J. Day committee recording secretary.

FINANCE MEETING— December 15, 2021

Studio School 751 George Washington Blvd, Wichita Kansas 67211.

Committee members present were Kris Griffith-Bumgardner/ HE Genèvieve de Chambéry; Robert Botkin/ Ld. Robert the Scott; Kurt Jones/ Ld..Konrad von Roth; Kevin Larsen/ Ülfr Halfdane- incoming treasurer and representative for the populace; and Mary J. Day/ HE Marie Also in attendance were 7 other members; 2 on ZOOM.

Current correct bank checks have been obtained. It was on this year's budget. Current correct deposit have been ordered and received. The cost was \$60.

The meeting finalized the budget for 2022. It had been pended from the December Officers' meeting to finish obtaining the possible locations and cost for a weekly meeting site. Line items changed were Valor increased from \$5000 to \$5500 to reflect the addition of feast. The feast fee will be increased from the previous year's \$10; approved. The Yule budget site fee was changed to the actual expense of \$200 from the estimated \$150; approved. It was noted that this expense will be off set by the \$5 event fee. The MoY budget amount has been received. \$60 was approved. All other line items were either unchanged or had no budget requested for the coming year.

Three options for a weekly Wednesday site location were discussed. The current Studio School contract has been offered at an increase from \$140 a month to \$170 a month for a total of \$2040 a year. This was not accepted. A one year only, anonymous donation to remain at the Studio School with 2 weeks in the room and 2 weeks in the gym was not accepted. A more sustainable option would be beneficial. The Congregational Church 2909 NE 29th St. N- the site of Midwinter Merriment- would cost \$20 to \$25 a week. At 48 weeks used a year that would be \$960 to \$1200 a year if all 48 weeks are used. It was moved, seconded to accept this option.

The motion passed.

Kingdom recommended guidelines are for half of available funds. The current budget authority would be \$8605, half of the current bank balance. The total of all approved line items is \$10,355. It was noted that there would be funds from the Midwinter Merriment site fee charge. Valor can be expected to, at minimum, cover costs and usually shows some profit. Our guaranteed pop booth gratuity from the Great Plains Renaissance Festival is \$1000 a year, \$500/ festival. It was suggested that this arrangement needs to be a written contract. It was suggested also to do a projected income as part of future annual budgets. It was moved and seconded to accept the 2022 budget of \$10,355. The motion was approved.

An updated Financial Policy and Committee guidelines will be sent to committee members and published.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Mary J. Day committee recording secretary.

THEIR ROYAL MAJESTIES

LUCIAN & TAMAR

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UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

January

Coronation—Jan 8

February

Clothiers—Feb 5

Queen's Prize—Feb 12

Winter War Maneuvers—Feb 19

Chieftains—Feb 26

March

Gulf Wars—Mar 12 to Mar 20

BARONIAL GATHERINGS

Populace Meeting Third Wednesday, 7-9pm

Fighter Practice (Armored Combat and Calon Steel)

Sundays—12-3pm at Exploration Place

More information to follow

For more information contact:

Lord Brynjolfr Falkason

knightmarshal@baronyofvatavia.org

Archery Practice

Archery is closed for the winter

For more information contact;

Lady Heidi Anne Draper

archermarshal@baronyofvatavia.org

Officers' Meeting & Finance Meeting

First Wednesday of the month, 7-9pm

University Congregational Church, Inc., 9209 East 29th St N, Wichita, KS 67226

Open to the populace.

Arts and Sciences Gatherings 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesday, 7-9pm

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Demos

N/A

Activities

Mid-Winter Merriment—January 22 10am-6pm

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TO GET A COPY OF THE KNOWN WORLD HANDBOOK

Contact His Lordship Friar Thomas

316-685-1182

Handbooks are \$23.00

Covid Guidelines

Calontir,

We know that the current rules for events and gatherings are changing frequently, so wanted to provide some clarity with where our current Kingdom rules differ from the BoD minimum requirements. This list will also be uploaded as a PDF to the files section if you would like to have a copy available at events or meetings for any reason. If you have questions feel free to ask—Our email is always open, but please apply these in the spirit of safety in which they are intended, refrain from Rules lawyering, and DON'T BE THE REASON WE HAVE TO MAKE ANOTHER RULE.

Current Rules for Calontir Event Attendance (as of 8/5/21)

- These rules apply to both events and local meetings, practices, and gatherings.
- These rules are in addition to, not in place of, the Society level rules from the BoD.
- These rules are the MINIMUM requirements, and local group leadership may enact more stringent requirements if the local health conditions warrant.
- All Local, State, and Federal Guidelines are to be followed, including masking and gathering size limits.
- All attendees to any event, meeting, or practice, must be signed in on a roster including current accurate contact information.
- If you are fully vaccinated and it has been long enough that the vaccine will have reached maximum efficacy, you may choose not to wear a mask while outdoors.
- Everyone must mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks must be worn covering the nose and mouth.
- You may bring your own food to an event and you may share it with others.
- Food may be served in an official capacity, such as an inn or vigil table, with the following requirements:
 - o Anyone making or handling food must be masked and gloved
 - o Anyone serving food or in the preparation or serving areas but not actually handling food must be masked.
 - o If you would usually be required to be masked, you must distance a minimum of 6 feet to unmask for eating or drinking.
 - o Vaccinated members of the populace may be closer than 6 feet outdoors, but must still distance to eat or drink indoors.
 - o Unvaccinated members of the populace must distance at least 6 feet to eat or drink both indoors and out.
- Feasts will not be allowed at this time.
- Water Bearing may be provided from the communal coolers, but only into personal containers, not our traditional shared jugs.

Requests from the Crown

- If you are medically able to get the Covid Vaccine, please do so.
- Please do not attend gatherings if you are not feeling well.
- Please respect the comfort levels of those who wish to follow more stringent masking and distancing practices than are strictly required
- The SCA is an organization of chivalry and community. Please remember these values and help us all set a good example for the rest of the Known World.



Mid-Winter Merriment

Saturday January 22nd, 2022
10am - 6pm

Come one and all for a day
filled with Fun & Festivities
Bring your banners and we will deck the
halls!

University Congregational
9209 E. 29th St. North, Wichita,
KS 67226

Site Fee: \$5.00 minimum per person (age 5
and under free) to help cover site rental

(CovidSafe protocols will be in place, please
bring proof of vaccination or proof of negative
test within 72 hours of event)

Open Bardic Entertainment

- Music - Bard in the Box
- European Dancing

- A & S Persona Item Competition
- Illuminated Cards Make and Take
- Dessert Competition
- Rattan Fighting Tournaments
- Cut & Thrust Tournaments
- Board Games
- Court - 3pm
- Annual PotLuck Feast - Feast at 4pm (Protein will be provided) * Bring your feast gear and mugs
- White Elephant Gift exchange/ Dinner games - Wrapped gift Under \$10.00 value (Something you can use in the SCA)
- This is a Dry Site

Schedule

- 10:00 am Site opens
- 10:30 am Inspections & Authorizations
- 11-2:00 pm On-Site Card illumination
- 11-3:00 pm Dancing
- 11-3:00 pm Fighting
- 2-3:30 pm A&S Competition judging
- 3:00 pm Court
- 4:00 pm Potluck Feast / Gift Exchange
- 5:

Barony of Vatavia Presents

Winter War Maneuvers



February 19, 2022 8am-5pm

YMCA - Farha Sports Center, Indoor Fields
3405 S. Meridian Ave, Building 300, Wichita KS, 67217

Directions to Site: - Take I-35 to Wichita, then I-235, to Meridian Ave. exit #3 and turn North towards town. Take a left at the YMCA sign about 1/2 a mile off the Hwy.

Registration:

- Adults \$20.00
- Adult Members \$15.00
- Youth aged 15 and under free (There is no Family Cap)

• Make checks payable to the SCA Inc. Barony of Vatavia

**Pre Registration is highly encouraged, follow the link on the website. Registration will also be taken at the gate.

Site Includes: Two large indoor soccer fields, On-site concessions & hangout room.

- We recommend bringing your chairs. **No outside food is allowed in the building.** This is a dry site.

Event Stewards:

- HE Genevieve de Chambery, Kristina Griffith, call or text 316-706-5643 (No calls after 9pm) LawrenceandGenevieve@gmail.com
- Ldy. Alia Martialis, Aimee Vanessa Moisa, call or text 805-440-9174 (No calls after 9pm) aliamartialis@gmail.com

“Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.”

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/winterwarmaneuvers2022/home>

The Tradition of the Wren

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Christianity was brought to Ireland in the late fifth century. Local beliefs were incorporated there as elsewhere. The Venerable Bede wrote that the 25th was the Celtic Mothers' Night, the beginning of the year. It also became the Christian celebration of the Nativity.

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Saturnalia was a Roman holiday season which in part was celebrated with gift giving, garlands, incense, candles, and sometimes birds were common gifts. Older religions used birds as sacrifices, both real and symbolic. In Normandy wrens were caged. Called "poulette de Dieu" they were suppose to have brought moss and used this and their feathers for a coverlet for Jesus. The wren was also portrayed as a villain. A wren betrayed the hiding place of St. Stephen, the first Catholic martyr, to those hunting him. Therefore all wrens must do penance. Another tale relates how a wren pecking at the crumbs on a sleeping Dane's drum woke the boy and prevented the success of a sneak attack by the Irish.

All these mixed and blended together became the Irish tradition of hunting the wren., still practiced in some parts of Ireland. On St. Stephen's Day, December 26th, a wren was found, placed on a bed of evergreen, and taken around to others. The children asked for a treat or money either to celebrate the Saint's day or as a donation for others. This is also the English Boxing Day which traces back to Saturnalia activities, the collection by journeymen and apprentices of levies from their master's patrons, and Henry VIII Christmas boxes from his subjects.

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The Roman Kalends of January were the new year when houses were decorated with greenery and lights and presents were given to children and the poor. Teutonic people brought holly cuttings inside to provide refuge for sylvan sprites from the inclement weather. Evergreens were seen by many cultures as symbols of protection and continued life in the winter time. This was adopted by the Christian church. Altars were decorated with different greenery at this holiday time, except for mistletoe because of its association with the Druids. (Only one English cathedral was allowed to use this plant.) The use of greenery with Christmas is credited to St. Boniface who Christianize the Germans. He dedicated the fir tree to the Holy Child to replace Odin's oak.

All of these different cultures celebrated the lengthening day time with feasting. Wassail was part of German and Celtic Yule celebrations. Boiled puddings were part of England's celebrating. Spiced cakes or candies were special treats using the expensive, precious spices of the Orient. Fresh fruit in winter was a rare and expensive extravagance. More likely the fruit laden (infamous) fruitcake was served. The "Traditional" meal of today is actually a representation of many different cultures' cuisines. The American traditional meal uses, on the whole, foods 'discovered' in the Holy Land and New World.

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Recipes



Fruit Soup by
Matthius Worchestershire)

This recipe from Mistress Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol has been a regular Vata-vian tavern item for over 20 years due to its popularity. This recipe is economical and easy to do. It fits in well as part of an historical feast or as a camping snack. *This is a very user friendly recipe. Precise measurements are not mandatory nor critical.*

Recipe submitted by
HE Marie Chantel
Delaire

Cheese Tarts (serves 40)

350 for time indicated on biscuits

13 oz. grated cheese (about 3.5 cups)

6 eggs

1 ½ cups milk

½ cup flour

1 cup cottage cheese

¼ tsp dill weed

4oz. sour cream

sprinkle garlic powder

2 pkg refrigerator biscuits

salt and pepper- to taste

Mix all ingredients together until smooth. (I have found doing the eggs and flour together first, till blended, easier. Then add the rest.)

Flatten ½ of a refrigerator biscuit into each section of a muffin tin sprayed with PAM

(Bakers Joy works even better.)

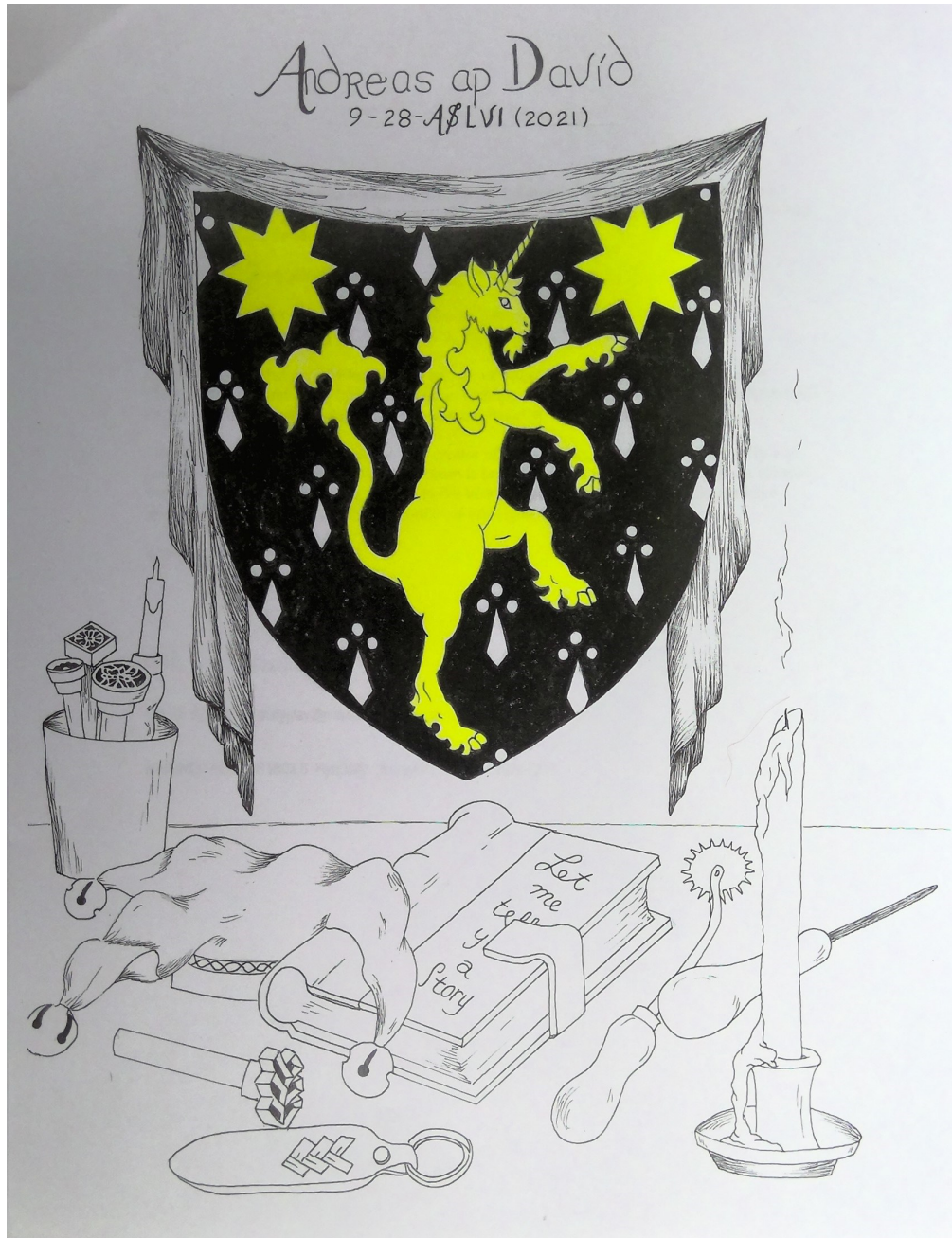
Fill each muffin tin section about 2/3 full with batter.

Bake until well set- about the biscuits' coking time.

Let cool completely before removing.

Note: Filling can be frozen. Does thicken. Thin with a small amount of milk.

Heraldry



In Memorium Andreas ap David by Marie Chantal Delaire

January 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 A&S Fighter Practice	3	4	5 Officers	6	7	8 Winter Coronation
9 A&S Fighter Practice	10	11	12 A&S	13	14	15
16 A&S Fighter Practice	17	18	19 Populace	20	21	22 Mid-Winter Merriment
23 A&S Fighter Practice	24	25	26 A&S	27	28	29
30 A&S Fighter Practice	31					

February 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Officers	3	4	5 Clothiers
6 A&S Fighter Practice	7	8	9 A&S	10	11	12 Queen's Prize Winter Kingdom
13 A&S Fighter Practice	14	15	16 Populace	17	18	19 Winter War Manuevers
20 A&S Fighter Practice	21	22	23 A&S	24	25	26 Chieftains
27 A&S Fighter Practice	28					

March 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Officers	3	4	5
6 A&S Fighter Practice	7	8	9 A&S	10	11	12 Gulf Wars
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