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*The bells chime the hours, the sun rises and sets, the moon waxes and wanes, and the sea sons mark the turning of the year. Time flows on, but Calontir basks in the knowledge that our lineage is secure with the victory of Prince Agammemnon and Princess Marie in Our Crown Tournament. Praise them with great praise. As we move into the heart of winter, take this time to see to your gear, both martial and do mestic. The camping and war season will be on us soon enough, so take this opportunity to make those small repairs you have been putting off. Make yourself and your camp just that little bit more period. Test that new recipe you want to use at Lilies. Make an effort to go to fighter practice or an A&S night to learn a new skill. There is always room for improvement. And speaking of war and camping, please consider joining Us as we travel to War of the Phoenix in February, but particularly to Gulf Wars in March. The situation with the site has been stabilized and We look forward to a wonderful time with family and friends, both old and new. How can you help, We hear you ask? There are several ways... First and foremost, just come. The more the merrier. Spiff up your camp & kit. Show the Known World how cool Calontir is. Volunteer for retinue, if you have the time. With everyone just coming back from the plague times, you understandably want to play at your hobby, not work. Well being on retinue IS more play than work. Come hang out with Us for a few hours and find out. We are looking for a coordinator for the Calontir Party. If you are interested, please contact Our Royal Chamberlain (trm-chamberlain@calontir.org). We also need a new Land Agent for Gulf Wars. After many years of excellent service, His Excellency Magnus Anskegg is unable to attend this year. He has a world of knowledge he is eager to pass on, so talk to him (and Our chamberlain) if you think you would like to do this. And lastly, We would like to express again Our gratitude to everyone in this great kingdom for their friendship and understanding. These are much better times than during the plague, but there is still much work to be done to get everything running as smoothly as before. We appreciate you all. --
Logan and Ylva --
konung and drottning, Calontir*

Greetings from your Falcon Prince and Princess!

We greet this new year with great hope and promise for our heartlands. Gulf Wars is coming, and we urge you fighters to practice well at your local practice and attend Winter War Maneuvers to train as an Army! Prince Agammemnon is our general for this war, and we look forward to seeing our forces gather to fight alongside Vindheim. Gulf is a favorite; with activities for Equestrians, Archers, Artisans, Fourth Company and more. Please muster and bring all your friends! Thank you to all who have offered to assist with Our reign! We appreciate your time and dedication. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our retinue coordinator Mistress Gabbi. We look forward to Queen's Prize, where we encourage ALL peers and GOA artisans to sponsor an entrant if able, and to volunteer to judge. We would love to see more entrants this year than ever, so encourage artisans to talk about their work and to enter it in Queen's Prize!

Prince Agammemnon and Princess Marie

Seasons Greetings and Joyous Salutations, Cheers to good health and a bountiful New Year for all,

In glad Celebration we Congratulate the New Heirs to the Calon throne, Their Royal Highness Agamemnon Platylithodae and Marie le Faivre. The future of our Kingdom is secure, Huzzah!

We eagerly invite all those near and far to join us to Celebrate the dawning of a new year at our Mid Winter Merriment festivities January 14th. It promised to be a grand day of activities, rich in food, comradery and abundant activities. We look forward to the games, dancing, singing, and of course fighting, fashion show, gift exchange and so much more!. We plan to gather at the University Congregational Church. Further details can be found on the flier and Facebook event page.

The Barony is proud to be hosting once again, Winter War Maneuvers this February 18th. We are expecting a good turnout from Calontir, Ansteorra as well as members of the 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 and much needed rest, 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. It promises to be a busy year.

There are several group projects going on in the next couple of months, if you find you have some time, come help make you mark on the Kingdom floor as we will be painting the Vatavia section. In addition there will be largess and sewing circles that would welcome your participation!

The Drums of war are calling both in the West and on the Gulf Coast. It is time to make preparations . . .

Thank you so very much for everyone's help and patience as we get back into full swing activity. We love you all!

In faithful love and service,

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

FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings to all!

As of November 19th, the Covid guidelines for event attendance are no longer in place. There is a pinned post in our Facebook Group for those that want to read the message from Galen.

We are still in need of a location and bid(s) for Valor XLII. If you would like to submit a bid, please do so immediately.

A&S, Populace and Business meetings are being held Wednesday nights from 7pm-9pm at University Congregational Church, 9209 E. 29th St. N., Wichita, Ks 67226. Our entrance is located on the south side of the building at the end of the ADA ramp. Signs should be there to guide you.

Fighter practice is currently held outdoors at O.J. Watson Park, 3022 S. McLean Blvd, Wichita, Ks 67217. We meet on the south side of the park close to the first set of restrooms. Signs should be there to guide you. Weather will continue to be a determining factor on outdoor practice until the end of the year so please check our Facebook Group for updates from the Knight Marshal, Lord Corrigan MacKenzie (Chris Moore) for any cancellations or changes. Starting January 1st, Fighter practice will move indoors to Exploration Place, 300 N McLean Blvd, Wichita, KS 67203. Our entrance is located on the far north side of the building. The gate will be open to the patio area to give you access to the entrance door. Signage should also be in place.

Officers please do not forget to submit your 4th quarter reports to the Kingdom by January 15th. Also please send me a copy of your report so I can add it to my report.

If you need anything, please feel free to reach out via email or Facebook messenger as those are the quickest ways to get a hold of me. Email is seneschal@vatavia.calontir.org and I am found on Facebook as Amy Groom-Dyke.

Thank you everyone for all that you do, I always look forward to seeing each and every one of you and I look forward to working beside you next year as Vatavia hosts several events.

In service,

Tove Brianesdohter

FROM THE HOSPITALER

From the Chatelaine

Good gentles all,

I want to thank each of you for helping put our best Baronial face forward this past quarter. But just because we had a great showing at the RenFaire, this is no time to rest on our triumphs. We have more opportunities just around the corner - opportunities not only to show off what we can do, but to have fun in the process.

I hope to see as many of you as can make it to Midwinter Merriment in January, and then we will begin to get really busy - Winter War Maneuvers, the Spring RenFaire, Coronation, Masters of the Duel - all of these and more will be plenty of opportunities to make our Barony shine.

As ever, none of us can do it alone. If any of you are in need of Baronial business cards, bookmarks, and/or brochures, please contact myself, our Barony, or our Seneschal, and we will be more than happy to restock you. Thank you all for helping the dragonfly to soar to greater heights in the coming year.

In service,
Kennari Johann
Baronial Chatelaine

FROM THE DEMO

COORDINATOR

Greetings fellow Vatavians,

As of December 14th we have been scheduled for our indoor fighter practice in Waterway Hall at Exploration Place on Sundays starting January 1st through March 12th 2023. There will be four or five themed presentations during this time. It is known at this time that these will be Chinese calligraphy January 22 to coincide with the Chinese year and February 26th 'Things That go Bonk in the Night' on period bestiaries and monster mask making. Subjects for January 12th and February 12th are to be determined.

Fighter practice is scheduled for noon to at least 3pm. Exploration Place opens at 10 am. Coming early is not a problem. Like at the park other members are welcome to come. There is room, tables and chairs available to work on projects. We might need to move things around during our time there but this is not a problem. We need to put tables and chairs back as we found them before leaving.

I can go over special presentation information prior to the date for those wishing to help with those.

FROM THE EXCHEQUER

From the Exchequer:

Currently, our bank balance stands at \$18,097.17. We have finished out the year strong and will be looking forward to many events in the upcoming months. Thank you to everyone who has helped keep the barony strong this past year.

If there are any questions, I can be reached at my email address of exchequer@vatavia.calontir.org.

YIS Úlfr Halfdan

FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHAL

Greetings from the Vativian Knight Marshal!

As of January 1, 2023 we will be holding Fighter Practices at our Winter indoor site for the Winter months, Exploration Place. Practice area will again be the Water Way Hall as in years past, accessible through the service door at the northwest corner of the building. Practices will be from noon to 3pm, from January 1 through til March 12. After that, we will return to OJ Watson Park.

Regarding our Baronial Fighter Practice, I would very much like to hear from the fighter what they have enjoyed about practices and want more of, what they have not liked, and especially what would get them out to practices more often. Structured classes? More melees? Please drop me a line with any suggestions, ideas, complaint, or dirty limericks.

Marshals, please remember to complete your 4th Quarter 2022 reports no later than Jan. 15, 2023. Finally, during these chilly and less active months, be sure to check over your armor and weapons. Replace worn our straps or padding, and make sure weapons aren't mushed out, and thrusting tips aren't bottoming out. War season is just a few months away, so be ready.

In service,
Lord Corrigan MacKenzie

FROM THE CUT & THRUST MARSHAL

These burning lands have once again proven their worth in the steel side of combat. Several fighters in the Barony have given much and received much in return. Both from victory, fame, and celebration

In September, much effort was given by the Barony as we honed our skills off the list and applied to the tourney field.

Tournament wins for the Barony were:

Several steel fighters from the Barony attended Gryphon's Fest. Herr Joachim Courtenay der Marxbruder won the "Last Sailor/Siren Standing" against a hard fought and strategic battle against their Grace Anton

October marked another successful showing at the Bi-Annual Renaissance Faire

As this is a major draw for the Barony and future members. There was not out of Barony attendees so that all could chip in and make it another successful event

Also, the plague (Covid) is no fun.

Finally November closed out the Quarter with another significant Kingdom event with some exciting and much deserved recognition

Barony Tournament wins were:

Toys 4 Tots Steel Tournament: Won by Herr Joachim Courtenay der Marxbruder

And with great honor, Lord Hieronymus (Hero) was given Fyrd

Looking forward: We will be reinspecting armor (punch testing) once we move to Exploration place; starting early January 2023, new gloves to be purchased in Q1, as well as offering classes on weapon systems will continue (did someone say spears are coming??).

Drink water, deburr, and don't double

Herr Joachim Courtenay der Marxbruder (C/T Marshal)

FROM THE ARCHER

MARSHAL

This position is vacant at this time.

HE Genevieve, Robert the Scot, and Heidi Anne Draper are all taking turns running practice and shoots, once season starts again. They will be spending the winter months repairing and replacing arrows and other equipment.

FROM THE MINISTER OF YOUTH

This position is vacant at this time.

THE ARTS AND

SCIENCES MINISTER

Greetings Fellow Vatavians!

Happy New Year from your friendly neighborhood Arts and Sciences Minister. We have exciting plans coming up in 2023. There are quite a few events our Barony is hosting, a Kingdom project for our Barony to accomplish, and many Arts and Sciences activities and competitions to prepare for.

In January we have Mid-Winter Merriment. The A&S competition will be an item representing the winter holiday, from any culture and in any media. We will also be hosting Winter War Maneuvers in February, Coronation in April, Masters of the Duel in May, and Valor in June. We will all be very busy bees, so let's start preparing competition entries soon, as I'd like to see our Barony enter as many during this A&S competition season as possible to bring great fame and honor to our Barony.

There may be Arts and Sciences competitions at any of these Baronial events I just listed so keep your eyes and ears peeled for more information so you can be ready to prepare entries for these events. Regarding Kingdom-level competitions scheduled in 2023, Queen's Prize will be held in April, Lilies War with all her activities in June/July, and Kingdom Arts & Sciences in July. These are competitions you definitely want to start preparing now if you haven't already.

Our Barony is also starting our portion of the work painting the Purple Pavilion floor. Many hands are needed to help make light the work, and I'm not above begging Vatavians for their help. The floor, paint, and paint brushes will be at most if not all of the future Wednesday meetings until the floor is due back to Kingdom in March. We could really use help on this.

For those who are looking for A&S educational opportunities, Clothiers Seminar is taking place on January 18th in Independence, MO, at the same facility where Kris Kinder was held. The Clothiers Seminar encompasses a whole host of topics, not just those of garments. Everything from armoring, to glass adornment, to heraldic display, along with of course clothing and footwear. It sounds like an amazing opportunity to learn and socialize, and even get ideas for entries for the aforementioned competitions. I personally will be teaching a class on Norse beads so I hope to see all of you there.

If you have something you would like to discuss with me or a personal project you'd like to share or need help on, please send me an email

at artsandsciences@vatavia.calontir.org or message me with my modern name on Facebook.

Yours in Service,

Lady Alia Martialis / Aimee Moisa
Minister of Arts and Sciences
Barony of Vatavia

OFFICERS' MEETING MINUTES

OFFICERS' MEETING—October 5, 2022

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

19 members attended: 13 Baronage/ officers/ deputies/ event stewards; 6 members of the populace; [2 attended by ZOOM]

The Fall schedule is very full. October 22nd is the regional fighter practice in Joplin, Mo. This is the same day as the Ren Fair demo in St. Joe that members have been invited to participate in. October 29th is Calon Con which will be online. It is also the same day as Vindheim's Samhain in Eldrin Hills [Holliday Texas]. November 19th is Toys for Tots with the traditional competition between groups to donate the most toys to the Marine Corps. Toys must be a minimum \$5 value. Cash donations to buy toys for Vatavia's contribution will be collected at local meetings. December 3rd is Crown Tournament; December 10th, Kris Kinder. Theobald's Winter Yule is December 17th.

November 16th movie night's presentation will be **Lady Hawk**. Wednesday meetings November 23rd and December 21st are canceled for the holidays.

The Chronicler's next deadline for submissions to the *Dragonflyre* is December 15th. Photos showing the scope of what we do are requested. The Castellan has arranged for all types of Baronial handouts and the Gold Key to be at the Renaissance Festival this coming weekend. The Web Minister will be transferring parts of the old web site to the new site. Items to be posted on Vatavia social media, on Facebook need to be sent to Social Media Minister Ld. William by email or chat. At this time the question of having written permission is unanswered.

Arts and Sciences will have materials available October 12th to make Viking glass bead pendants for largess. Currently the schedule is open for classes in November and December. Unused Baronial banner making materials should be returned to Her Excellency Genèvieve.

The Exchequer reported a balance from the last statement of \$17,165.17. A \$500 minimum gratuity is expected from volunteer work at the Renaissance Festival pop booth. Budget requests for 2023 need to be in November 2nd Officers' meeting. Requests should be detailed and specific. There will be a finance meeting after the Officers' meeting. The Property Master will be packing up for the Renaissance Festival Friday 7th at noon. It was announced that a more economical source for arrow parts has been found.

Sunday fighter practice has moved to the front of OJ Watson Park. Winter indoor practice still needs to be scheduled with Exploration Place. Classes for cut and thrust continue. A future class will be on period training books. Puncture resistance testing will be done by the marshals this fall. It was stated that several members of HEMA will be coming to Ren Festival to participate in cut and thrust presentations.

Their Excellencies will be holding archery practice at Their residence October 15th. It will include thrown weapons since the SCA Fall Challenge includes thrown weapons. It was announced that Master Jóhann took top place in the National SCA Seasonal Shoot in the open crossbow category in October.

Her Excellency announced that They will be at the Ren Festival set up Friday and on Sunday. All Baronages are required to attend Coronation this coming weekend.

The University Congregational Church has asked our group to provide homemade bread for communion October 30th and presented to the congregation by members in garb. Also His Excellency Lawrence is building stocks for the Church's madrigal

presentation during the holidays. Anyone who would like to help in the construction should contact him. Vatavia has also been asked to help in a Church clean up at some future date.

Her Excellency will be taking orders and payments from those members wishing to get hoodies with Vatavia's emblem on them. Cost is \$20 for S – L and an additional \$2 added for each larger size.

The Seneschal encouraged all officers to have deputies; and, reminded officers that they can have more than one. Valor bids are due by the end of November. The church camp used in the recent past is not available. Any site suggestions would be appreciated.

There bring no other business the meeting closed.

FINANCE MEETING— October 5, 2022

A meeting of the financial committee was held at the University Congregational Church, Inc., 9209 East 29th St N, Wichita, KS 67226, May 4, 2022 after the monthly Committee members present were Kris Griffith-Bumgardner/ HE Genèvieve de Chambéry; Kevin Larsen/ Úlfr Halfdane Amy Dyke/ Ly Tove Brianesdohter; Robert Botkin/ Ld. Robert the Scott; Mary J. Day/ HE Marie . Also present were event stewards Court Dyke/ Ld. Joachim Courtenay der Marxbruder and L. Mills/ Ld. Hieronymus plus two members of the populace.

A bid to host the Kingdom event, Masters of the Duel, here May 6, 2023 was presented by two of the event stewards. The proposed site is at OJ Watson Park utilizing the shelter building near the entrance. Donations will be sought for site tokens, and awards. The site fee will cover the event expenses with the average number of fighters that usual attend this event. After discussion it was moved and seconded to accept the bid and its budget. It was approved. The bid will be sent to Kingdom for consideration.

It was proposed to schedule the local Midwinter Merriement with the Church for January 14, 2023 The last time it was possible to hold this event was 2019. It was proposed to do a committee like last time with communication being via a Facebook group. This event was already in the budget so a formal bid is not required. The Church site would be \$100 for 8 hours with fighting required to be done outside. A recommended donation of \$5 will be requested of attendees. It was moved and seconded to reserve the site for the event and do the donation cover charge. The motion passed.

The question of minimum donations for local events was tabled for a future discussion. There being no other business it was moved and seconded to close the meeting. Approved; the meeting closed.

Mary J Day

OFFICERS' MEETING—November 2, 2022

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

114 members attended: 9 Baronage/ officers/ deputies/ -two on
ZOOM; 5 members of the populace

Her Excellency went through the calendar of events. For the Kingdom there is November 12th Heraldic, Scribal and Dance Symposium in Ames, Iowa. November 19th Toys for Tots in Jefferson City, Missouri. December 3rd Crown Tournament in Fayetteville, Arkansas which is not a camping event. December 12th Kris Kinder in Independence, Missouri when HL Vashti will be elevated to Laurel. December 17th Mid Winter Knight's Dream in Ark City. Clothiers will be January 28th in Independence, Missouri. It was stressed that this was much earlier than the traditional date for this event. February 28 is Winter War Maneuvers here in Vavavia. February 25th is Chieftains in Bridgeton, Missouri. There are two Society wars the beginning of the coming year. War of the Phoenix in the Kingdom of Atenveldt at Phoenix, Arizona February 2nd -5th and Gulf Wars March 11th -19th. It was stressed that War of the Phoenix is **not** Estrea.

Locally the Church has asked we participate in their Madrigal presentation December 9th. They asked for members to come in garb, some to do fighting, and have us make some stocks to be used. His Excellency requested assistance to construct the stocks. Midwinter Merriment on January 14th is also scheduled to be at the Church. Plans for this event are to be available in December. Details are to be worked out with Exploration Place to have indoor fighter practice there starting in January. They do want the group back. Plans for the Master of the Duel are continuing with four confirmed teachers and locking the date in with the site with a deposit.

The Chatelaine reported that the Gold Key is back in his custody. He will receive the box of all handouts this weekend. The budget request for this office will be submitted after consulting last year's budget. The Chronicler's deadline for submissions is before or by December 15th. Permission to publish forms are needed for all items, including photos. There are several changes coming in the heraldic office at the Kingdom level. January 1st there will be new forms for proposals and PayPal, like done for events, will be possible for paying fees.

Arts and Sciences class suggestions are requested. Classes do not have to be about making items or take the full two hours. Classes could be about running a list, being an event steward, administering a certain local office, etc. Offers for future classes were made by present members. November 9th will be a class on creative writing presented by Ly. Elizabeth. It was suggested to hold a round table to discuss future classes and interests including sessions schedule with fighters in mind.

The Exchequer reported a balance as of today of \$18,197.17. The gratuity checks from the Fall Great Plains Renaissance Festival of \$150 and last year's Museum of World Treasures presentation of \$50 have both been deposited. At Calcon the Exchequers discussed online banking. It is allowed as long as there is no ability to move money. Our bank is researching our options. This would mean having the monthly statement in 2 days instead of 10-13 when mailed. Two offices turned in budget requests for 2023. The Cut and Thrust Marshal verbally presented a request for \$100 for three pairs of loaner gloves. It was stressed that the Exchequer is to be contacted through the new address system so a record can be maintained for the office.

There will be a finance meeting after the Officers' meeting.

Officers having problems establishing the new address on the new web site should contact Ld. Hieronymus. Officers should be watching their new email address and are encouraged to check periodically. The Web Minister is waiting to be given the green light by Kingdom to populate our Baronial web site.

The Marshals for the fighters and archers are planning meetings with their members to discuss future needs, what they want from their practices, and how to build back participation post COVID. The fighter practices will start at noon November 6th for the remaining outdoor practices and the indoor winter practices.

Her Excellency reported that at Lilies the Vavavian floor section was received. The previous Purple Pavilion was lost when the Kingdom was lost. A new floor is needed. Next week will be a planning session on the 9th after the creative writing class. The goal is for groups to have the floor sections completed and ready by Gulf Wars.

The group printing the hoodies will try to have them available by Thanksgiving. Payment will be needed by that time from those who have placed orders.

The Seneschal announced that COVID procedures are to be lifted November 19th in Calontir and Society wide effective December 1st. Once indoor meetings resume during the winter months circumstance may require bringing back some policies. She announced that she would be emailing officers with the new addresses to see how long it takes to get a reply.

FINANCE MEETING— November 2, 2022

A meeting of the financial committee was held at the University Congregational Church, 9209 East 29th St N, Wichita, KS 67226, November 2, 2022 after the monthly Officers' meeting. Committee members present were Kris Griffith-Bumgardner/ HE Genèvieve de Chambéry; Dr. Larry Bumgardner/ HE Lawrence Taillefer the Leech, Kevin Larsen/ Úlfr Halfdane Amy Dyke/ Ly Tove Brianesdotter; Robert Botkin/ Ld. Robert the Scott; Mary J. Day/ HE Marie. Bridgett Russell/ Milady Valeriano sat in for the populace.

Two issues concerning the Baronial inventory were on the agenda. First, it was confirmed that the old wooden list field with personal heraldry from sponsors is removed from this year's inventory. The Property Master plans to cut off the shields and symbols and return them to the sponsors.

Second was the removal and sale of the old portable garages of which parts exist for 1 ½ structures. Price needed to be set before the steps for sale and the decision on the method of selling are made. The garages are, at a minimum, 10-12 years old. At Ren fair a potential buyer asked about the garages. After a discussion of new prices, consideration of age and condition, Larry Bumgardner/Baron Lawrence moved to set the garage price as \$150 or best offer. Amy Dyke/ Ly. Tove seconded. The motion carried.

There being no other business Kris Griffith-Bumgardner/ HE Genèvieve moved to adjourned the meeting. Robert Botkin/ Ld. Robert seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

Mary J. Day
recording secretary

FINANCE MEETING— November 30, 2022

A meeting of the financial committee was held at the University Congregational Church, 9209 East 29th St N, Wichita, KS 67226, November 30, 2022 to *** the 2023 budget. Committee members present were Kris Griffith-Bumgardner/ HE Genèvevieve de Chambéry; Dr. Larry Bumgardner/ HE Lawrence Taillefer the Leech, Kevin Larsen/ Úlfr Halfdane Amy Dyke/ Ly Tove Brianesdohter; Robert Botkin/ Ld. Robert the Scott; Mary J. Day/ HE Marie. Five members of the populace joined the meeting.

The budget for the current year, 2022, was reviewed and summarized. It was explained that each item's budget was modified to reflect the activity changes from the COVID policies at that time. Archery was the only possible regular activity that could be held as an in-person activity.

Each requested budget item for 2023 and the specifics of the request were presented and discussed. Total \$12,893.00. Kris Griffith-Bumgardner/ HE Genèvevieve de Chambéry moved the budget be accepted; Amy Dyke/ Ly Tove Brianesdohter seconded. The budget was approved.

Kingdom tithe: \$1000
Valor: (\$5500 in 2022) May 26th- 28th; no bid currently, still looking for a site;
Winter War Maneuvers \$1603 February 18th
Spring Coronation \$1300 April 8th
Master of Duel \$350 May 6th
Champions' \$100
Mid-winter Merriment \$150 January 14th There will be a nominal site fee to attend.
Ren fairs \$200 (\$100 each)
Seneschal \$100 (includes insurance certificates not covered as part of an event)
Exchequer \$50
Knight Marshal \$50 (repairs/maintenance, of loaner equipment)
Cut and Thrust \$130 (loaner equipment)
Youth Combat -0- There are no participating youth at this point in time.
Archer Marshal \$200 (arrow making materials, measuring wheel)
Heraldry -0- self sufficient from fees
Demonstrations -0-
Arts and Sciences \$100
Castellan \$200
Web Minister \$320 (same as 2022, currently unknown what charges Kingdom will assess for doing web site)
Minister of Youth -0- (office vacant)
Baronial property \$340 (regalia, repair and maintenance of property.)
weekly meeting site \$1200 for 48 weeks (cancel for weeks of Lilies, Gulf Wars, Thanksgiving, Christmas)

Mary J. Day
recording secretary

OFFICERS' MEETING—December 7, 2022

University Congregational Church, Inc. 9209 East 29th St N, Wichita, KS
17 members attended: 11 Baronage/ officers/ deputies/ event stewards; 6 members of the populace worked on projects

Their Majesties Logan and Ylva have requested and stressed award recommendations are needed. They will be attending Midwinter's Knights Dream in Theobald. It will be an opportunity to recommend local and Theobald members for recognition.

Members are encouraged to attend Kris Kinder this December 10th and help celebrate Vashti's elevation to Laurel. The next weekend is Midwinter's Knights Dream December 17th in Theobald, which our two marshals are assisting with. Clothiers is January 28th in Forgotten Sea area where there will be three peerages done, Erik and Orren Tokesson brothers and Hugo. February is Winter War Maneuvers here in Vavia. His Highness Agamemnon will be the army's general. March is Gulf Wars.

Locally there will be no weekly meeting Wednesday December 21st due to the holidays. January 14th is our Midwinter Merriment. Details of the plans were presented by the event's team of stewards. Weather that day will determine the final schedule.

It was announced that due to lack of crucial details the Madrigal presentation request for December 9th will not be done. Contact information for the Great Plains Renaissance Festival was provided as a possible source for the prop request by the church. A meeting scheduled this Wednesday to discuss specific themes for presentation at Exploration Place.

The Gold Key received a donation of more garb. Repair work on loaner items continues. December 14th Ld. Torin will be doing a class on rod fishing historically and in January a follow-up hand on class on fly tying. There has been little response to the largess derby with the January 1st deadline. Other ways and ideas to promote the creation of largess are requested by the Baronage. There is no new information on the heraldic proposals in process. December 15th is the *Dragonflyre* deadline for submissions and officer letters.

The Exchequer The bank balance currently is \$18, 197.17. He reported the major expenditures in the approved budget of 2023. The complete budget breakdown can be found in the Finance Committee minutes for November 30th in the *Dragonflyre* and website.

Indoor fighter practice at Exploration Place will be finalized this Wednesday December 14th. Weather permitting both practices will continue at OJ Watson Park. Otherwise gatherings will move to a restaurant and discuss future practices. Cut and Thrust is working on construction of spears for cut and thrust spear trials. Loaner gloves are being obtained. Drop and punch testing will be done the beginning of the year. Archery is closed until Spring.

The Seneschal noted that the COVID guidelines have been lifted. Officers were reminded that quarterlies are due for January 1st and others the 15th. Domesday reports are required for some offices. That information is noted on the Kingdom office web page.

Bids for Valor are due by December 14th. A site is still needed. Any prospective site should be checked for availability and feasibility before being proposed to the officers, event steward, /s, or Baronage for consideration.

The meeting adjourned.

THEIR ROYAL MAJESTIES

**DUNCAN BRUCE OF LOGAN and
YLVA JONSDOTTIR**

Falcon-Crown@calontir.org

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES

**AGAMEMNON PLAYLITHODAE
and MARIE LE FAIVRE**

Falcon-Heirs@calontir.org

UPCOMING

KINGDOM EVENTS

January

Winter Court 2023: A Feast of Fools—Jan 7
Clothiers—Jan 28

February

War of the Phoenix—Feb 2-5
Winter War Manuevers— Feb 18
Chieftains: Travel in the Year 1000—Feb 25

March

Gulf Wars—Mar 11-19

BARONIAL GATHERINGS

Fighter Practice (Armored Combat and Calong Steel)

Sundays—12:00— 3:00PM at Exploration Place
Lord Corrigan MacKenzie
(knightmarshal@baronyofvatavia.org)

Archery Practice

Sundays—Closed for the season

For more information contact;

Lord Corrigan MacKenzie
(knightmarshal@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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Populace Meeting 3rd Wednesday, 7-9pm

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Demos

Activities

Fall

TO GET A COPY OF THE KNOWN WORLD HANDBOOK

Contact His Lordship Friar Thomas

316-685-1182

Handbooks are \$23.00

Midwinter Merriment
January 14, 2022
10:15 to 6pm



Tired of the winter blahs? Ready to break out the indoor finery? Show off that bodice you've been working on all fall that will never see a summer campsite?

Come and Celebrate mid-winter with Vatavia! Dancing! Games! Food! Arts & Sciences! Caroling & Wassail! Food! Fighting OR an Armored fashion show! Toy Axe throwing! Food! Father Santa & Gift exchange! Live Entertainment! And FOOD!

European Dancing with the renowned Bard in the Box!
A & S Competition: Winter Holiday from any culture in any medium, Populace vote
Rattan Fighting Tournament
Cut & Thrust Tournament
Or
Armored fashion show
(All Martial participants)
Board Games
SCA White Elephant Gift exchange
(wrapped gift Under \$15.00)

Vatavia's Annual Potluck Winter Feast
Protein will be provided

(If your family has special dietary needs or restrictions, please consider bringing a dish your family can safely eat.)

****ALL HOMEMADE CONTRIBUTIONS MUST HAVE INGREDIENT LIST ON A 3X5 INDEX CARD* Label for store-bought items must be available.***

Populace is requested to follow the Alphabet Soup guide and enter their contribution on the potluck list. We would like to have snacks and munchies available all day, and request contributions of your favorite holiday treats, in addition to your dinner offering.

****Bring your feast gear and mugs, and show off your feast table decor* live candle on tables only***
No hard alcohol, drinks in period containers, please.

University Congregational Church
9209 East 29th St N, Wichita, KS 67226 (29th & Webb)
10:45 am- 6pm
Site Fee: \$5.00 minimum donation per person, age 5 and up.

Schedule of Events

10:15 am Site opens
At Sponsor's leisure: axe throwing
Martial Activities depending on weather:
11:00 am Inspections & Authorizations
11:30-2:30 pm Fighting
Or
11:30 am Martial Fashion demo
12:15-12:45 Caroling
1-2:30 pm Dancing
2pm A&S entry deadline
2-3 pm A&S Populace Vote
3:00 pm Court
4:00 pm Potluck Feast / Gift Exchange
5:30-6pm Clean up / Site Closes

Stewards

Head Steward
Lady Deirdre de Warenne
Deidra Morningstar
316-648-8312 TEXT ONLY

Head Steward
Lady Fujihara Murasaki
Jeo Bondurant
307-630-5017

A&S Coordinator
Lady Sarah O'Raghailigh
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Martial Activities Coordinator
Lugaid Mac Erca
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Calontir Covid Guidelines

“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.”

Arts and Sciences

Fiber Arts



Naalbinding—Hat and Mittens

Lady Tove Briansdohter (Amy Groom-Dyke)



Naalbinding—Collar

Lady Tove Briansdohter

(Amy Groom-Dyke)



Needlepoint Pillow Topper

HE Genevieve de Chambrey

(Kristina Griffith)

Fall Renn Faire



Photos from Fall Renn Faire

Taken by:

Lady Tove Briansdohter

(Amy Groom-Dyke)



Toys for Tots



Photos from Toys for Tots

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Lady Tove Briansdohter

(Amy Groom-Dyke)



Fighter Practice



Photos from Fighter Practice

Taken by:

Lady Tove Briansdohter

(Amy Groom-Dyke)



Midwinter Knights Dream



Pictures by:
Master Johann Steinarsson
(Jay Reynolds)



Pictures by:
Heidi Anne Draper
(Heidi Botkin)

Vatavian Recognitions

Oct 8, 2022

HE Genevieve de Chambrey

QED for Courtesy

Nov 19, 2022

Joachim Courtenay der Marxbruder

Toys for Tots Champion

Robert Steven MacLaren—The Scot

Iren Fyrd

Hieronimus

Stile Fyrd

Dec 10, 2022

Tove Brianesdohter

Leather Mallet

Dec 17, 2022

Oyrikr Radulsson

Winner Cut & Thrust Tournament

Winner Armored Tournament

Avingail bat Michael ha Cohen

Golden Calon Swan

Valeriano di Rossi

Award of Arms

Congratulations to all!!!!

Calontir's Expedition to Vindheim

On the morning of October 28th, 2022, a small group travelled South, gathering as many Calontiri as they could to attend Vindheim's annual Samhain event. Adelaide, Randlar, Ehbilin, and Kim from Cum an Iolair, Judith from Moonstone, and Lugaid from Vatavia all gathered supplies for adventure and camaraderie. Randlar, who steered our vessel, reports that current mapmakers are shorting the length of journeys by two full hours, and that Lugaid, in particular, is a wonderful traveling companion.

The travelers did not go empty-handed: Their Majesties Logan and Ylva bestowed many gifts for them to offer during their visit to foreign lands. Their Majesties Ansteorra, Her Highness Ansteorra, and The Serene Prince and Princess were all in attendance at the event. We were welcomed into morning court, where we thanked their populace for their support of Calontir's Tournament of Valor last spring and presented the gifts that we bore. Randlar took note of the cultural reference to the royals as "All's Yall's, with this being just one word in those lands. In addition, Adelaide participated in their largess derby with dozens of bronze bodkins that she made, and both Randlar and Judith came prepared for the evening merriment with mead and cordials made by their own hands. Adelaide has decided that their success in making friends by sharing their beverages, that she immediately began her own digestif upon her arrival home.

Samhain holds a very personal and spiritual meaning to so many, marking the end of the harvest season, and the beginning of winter. Kim's first event was Samhain, and while she enjoyed the thrown weapons tournament that day, the fire is her favorite part. The bonfire was lit shortly after sunset, and true to the celebration, many joys and losses from the past year were shared in the light of the fire. Kim shares, "Hearing everyone talk about their lives in such an intimate way brings a feeling of togetherness: We're not all alone when we have such an amazing group of friends and chosen family around!" Eibilin also named the fire as her favorite part, that it lifted some weight off her heart. She also noted the distinctive yipping of coyotes nearby during the celebration.

Lugaid shared some of his heart over a log for the fire, after which Randlar and some residents of Moonshadowe lifted his spirits and he enjoyed the evening games and fun, well into the wee hours of the morning. There is no pact of "what is said at the fire, stays at the fire," but the gravity and emotional levels of the fire encourages many to share emotional pain that they would not normally be able to express – and then, with a lighter heart, they walk away from the fire and leave that heaviness to burn with their log, until the sun rises in the morning.

Adelaide particularly enjoyed the sunrise the next morning: over a large field, bordered in forest, with the Samhain fire still lit in the center. It is a good feeling to see that fire still burning strong and know that someone who cares about you – about everyone and the logs and pain the put into the fire – kept watch over the fire that burned your sorrows to ashes, so that you can walk light and free into the world the next day.

Judith writes that Randlar displayed great prowess on the field, he was unmatched for three of five fights as the tournament sought the new Champion for the Barony of Eldern Hills (Adelaide would like to note that, had he won, he would be required to attend next year) The valor of Lugaid was clear as he fought with great courage on all of his five matches. She and Eibilin enjoyed the peace of the site, while watching our Calontir fighters engage the Vindhomes (there was a very brief discussion during morning court on the official vernacular!) and Ansteorran in a great tournament. Randlar and Lugaid both noted many differences in the fighting styles and customs, and are eager to prepare themselves for the challenges they encountered in the future.

All in all, the beds in the cabin were VERY comfortable, the people were welcoming and friendly and amazing, and everyone can agree that Adelaide is a bit of a trixter that should not be trusted when adult beverages and an internet connection is involved. She is also very fond of long conversations and goodbyes, which occasionally are combined.

We are glad to have had the opportunity to learn so much more about each other, but also increase the bonds of friendship between our great Kingdom and the new Principality of Vindheim. For Lugaid, those in our expedition began as strangers but turned into people he feels like he's known for years! The welcoming attitude we found in this foreign land has us excitedly planning our next visit, and also hoping that many of our newfound friends will be able to travel North, to visit us sometimes, too. As Randlar says, "SCA people are AMAZING people, no matter where ya go!"

Yours in Service (wherever needed, including InterKingdom Travel Agent Service),

HL Adelaide Sarsfield and the Calontir Expedition to Vindheim:

Lord Randlar Tokesson, transportation
Lady Kim Sarsfield, daughter of Adelaide
Lady Eibilin O Beirn, seeking relaxation and new friends
Lady Judith Warrenne, picked up in Moonstone on our way South
Lord Lugaid mac Erca, proudly representing the Barony of Vatavia

January 2023

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

February 2023

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

March 2023

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