



# The DragonFlyer

NEWSLETTER FOR THE BARONY OF VATAVIA

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# — From Their Majesties Calontir —

Unto Our cherished people do We send Our tidings.

Calontir, what festivities we enjoyed on Our Coronation Day! Thank you to everyone who made the day so spectacular, and to Our Royal cousins who traveled from afar to join Us in the festivities. We shall remember it with joy, always.

We are so excited to see the knowledge and creation of Our populace at Queen's Prize. Already, We know the choice Her Majesty must make will be a difficult one. You each are an inspiration.

On April 13th, Calontir shall witness Our Spring Crown Tournament, and Our heirs shall take the thrones beside Us. We look forward to the fortuitous occasion and invite you all to witness it by Our side.

April 20th is Lilies Workday. Though there will not be a court at this event, We'd ask

those who are willing and able to assist to attend and offer their help. There is a great deal of work that goes into making Calontir's beloved war site what it is, and many hands make light work.

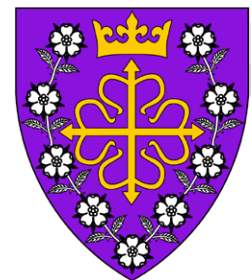
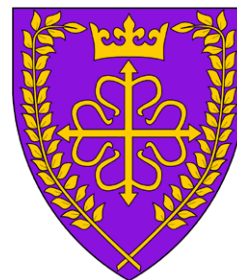
As spring days grow warmer and longer, We look forward to attending Unslung Heroes and celebrating Our Archery and Thrown weapons community with you.

Our beloved Calontir, it is an honor to serve as your Crown.

Ever in service to the dream,

Elias  
Rei

Adalyde  
Reina





## — From Their Excellencies Vatavia —

Greetings to all,

We hope everyone had a relaxing and productive winter season. We are sure many of you spent time repairing and replacing gear, getting ready for an active spring and summer.

There are many upcoming events that we hope to see everyone at. If you are able, please go to Queen's Prize and support everyone entering.

Remember we have Renn Faire in April. We will need help from everyone available to make it a success. Even if you can only help for a couple of hours, it will be greatly appreciated.

We are also looking forward to a hopefully large Valor this year. Please get with Ulfr/Brinki and let them know how you are able to help.

\*\*\*Remember your Landsknecht attire\*\*\*

We are hoping to have sewing nights at A&S to learn how to craft parts of the outfit. We look forward to seeing you there.

With Valor approaching, we need largesse for not only our crown but visiting royalty as well. If you would like to contribute, please get with us.

Upcoming Events: Queen's Prize, Crown Tournament, Unslung Heroes, RUSH: Outdoor Camping, St George and the Dragon, Cook & Combat May-Hem, Valor, and Lilies.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to us or any of the officers.

YIS,  
Their Excellencies  
Robert & Heidi



# — From The Baronial Officers —

## FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings Vatavia!

As I write this there are still a few more weeks left of the 1st quarter. In those few weeks there is a lot happening in our Kingdom. Several from our Barony are packing up to head to Gulf Wars. Those who are not attending Gulf Wars may have their eyes turned towards Spring RUSH in Emporia, KS. Just after we arrive home from Gulf Wars the Barony of Forgotten Sea will be hosting Spring Coronation for Their Highnesses Elias de Jaye and Adalyde Heloyz la Cantora on March 23rd .

The 2nd quarter will be busy for our Barony with Spring Renaissance Festival happening April 20th and 21st. The Tournament of Valor has found a site to host us and will be held at El Dorado State Park over Memorial weekend, May 24th to May 27th . Even though those two events are a month or two away we have lots of work to make sure they run smoothly. If you want to help out in any capacity, please reach out to the event stewards. Our Deputy Seneschal Brynki will be handling Spring Renaissance as well as Valor along with our newly retired Exchequer Ulfr Halfdan.

Speaking of Ulfr, please congratulate him on a fantastic job he did as Exchequer for our Barony over the last two years and to Lady Alicia Niel as our new Exchequer. Lord Ulfr will move over to be our Property Minister. Thank you for all that you do!

We have not been presented with the contract for MakeICT so look for fighter practice to be held at OJ Watson until then. I hope to have this completed while away at war but can make no promises. Our Wednesday night gatherings will still be held at University Congregational Church as well.

If you haven't seen the news from Kingdom, our Kyrios Hieronymus is the new Kingdom Cut and Thrust Officer and our Meister Joachim Courtenay

der Marxbruder is the new Cut and Thrust Youth Rapier Deputy.

With Hieronymus moving into the Kingdom Officer role, we will have an opening for a new Barony Cut and Thrust Officer. Hieronymus is also currently our Webminister and we will be having interviews for this position as well. If either of these are positions you are interested in please email myself and Their Excellencies with your interest.

Officers please do not forget to submit your 1st quarter reports to Kingdom by April 15th . Also please send me a copy of your report so I can include it in my quarterly report as well.

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

In Service,  
HL Tove Brianesdohter

## FROM THE ARTS & SCIENCES MINISTER

Coming up at our Wednesday meetings, Aia will be hosting a sideless surcoat class on April 10th. Our research show and tell will be rescheduled for May 15th. Largess-making activities will be scheduled before Valor soon. For more information, check our Baronial Facebook page, or please get in touch with me. As always, if you are interested in hosting a class or have an Idea for Arts and Sciences, don't hesitate to contact me. [artsandsciences@vatavia.calontir.org](mailto:artsandsciences@vatavia.calontir.org)

I look forward to seeing you all at Gulf Wars! Schedules for arts and sciences activities and classes have been posted.

Astridr Birnudottir (Tanna Burchinal)

## FROM THE CHATELAINE

Greetings Vatavia,

It's the time of year for spring cleaning! I am pleased to report the Gold Key has been tidied up and reduced from eight unwieldy tubs to a quality two. As we want our newcomers to feel good and dignified in their borrowed garb, many stained and ripped items were discarded. Some nice pieces were also set aside for our new friends in Coney March. Gold Key is not taking any further donations at this time, and I thank everyone for their generosity!

I want to challenge the populace to reach out to a newer member this month and chat! Let a spirit of welcoming and friendship bloom with the spring flowers. A kind word can go a long way. On that note, have you overlooked someone who has been doing amazing things and might be ready for an award recommendation? Check out the Calontir OP and see if there's anyone you can help the Crown recognize!

In service,  
Aia Gold-Bearer

## FROM THE CHRONICLER

Greetings Vatavia! I ask members of the Populace to consider submitting content for the DragonFlyre—articles, artwork, stories or photos from events, persona stories, and the like. Submissions may be sent to me at the Chronicler email at **chronicler@vatavia.calontir.org** or given to me in person at meetings.

Any submissions would need the appropriate Release Forms, completed and included, all of which can be downloaded from the Kingdom Chroniclers page at **www.calontir.org/chronicler/** ...or you may contact me at the Chronicler email above and request a fillable PDF, or see me at a meeting for a paper copy.

In Service to the Dream,  
Honorable Lord Corrigan MacKenzie

## FROM THE DEMO COORDINATOR

Greetings Vatavia,

Once again soon after this issue of the Drafonflyre we will have the annual Great Plains Renaissance Festival and Scottish Games April 20th- 21st. This is one of our two opportunities to show the best of Vatavia, Calontir and the Society to the community of Wichita and its guests. Several of our populace will be gone the first day to begin the preparations to the site for the Lilies event the beginning of June. So much heartfelt thanks in advance to all of you who are able to come and contribute your weekend, especially on that first day.

The Festival gives us free admission each day for a minimum 1/2 day's volunteering. There are many ways to do this: demonstrating your art or science, fighting- either heavy, cut and thrust or both, announcing, acting as a guide through the Dell for guests, being at our entrance inviting guests in, passing out business cards and brochures. At the Festival pop booth you can have a sit down job in the shade. With the gratuity we get for running this concession for the Festival we add to our coffers and expand the possible things Vatavia can do each year.

This is one of our three annual events to share about all the activities we do in the Society. It is one of the two that offers all the opportunities to educate, to give back to the community, to recruit, and to raise funds.

If you are uncertain what you can offer, shadowing one of our Festival "veterans" is a great way to get experience. Feel free to contact me if you want to talk about you and the Festival. I can be reached through the Baronial web site and the contact information in the Dragonflyre.

YIS (Yes I've survived) past Festivals and interesting weather.

HE Marie CD



## FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHAL

Greetings unto the Barony of Vatavia,

Thank you to everyone who came out to the two successful practices at MakeICT! I'm looking forward to when we have the contract for that location finalized and we can begin meeting there regularly. Until that time, however, we will be having fighter practice at OJ Watson park when weather allows so there will still be time to get in armor while we wait.

Safe travels to all those headed to Gulf Wars! Be sure to check your fighter card and print off a copy to bring with you as you travel - I tape mine to the back of my shield.

Looking ahead to Valor, I will need a couple of marshals on Saturday to help facilitate the Armored Meles and if you would like to volunteer then please reach out to me through the knight marshal email or message me directly if able.

In service,

Honorable Lord OyrikR Randulfsson CT,  
Knight Marshal  
knightmarshal@vatavia.calontir.org

## FROM THE EXCHEQUER

Greetings, Vatavia!

I am Alicia Niel and I have recently taken up the office of exchequer for our barony. I am so looking forward to working with the barony and all of you.

Currently the bank balance stands at \$21,006.27.

Coming up right around the corner is our local Ren Faire. We are looking for volunteers! I will be posting a link for sign-ups on the barony Facebook. Alternatively, I will have the sign up with me at upcoming meetings and events for those who do not subscribe to social media.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [exchequer@vatavia.calontir.org](mailto:exchequer@vatavia.calontir.org).

YIS, Alicia Niel

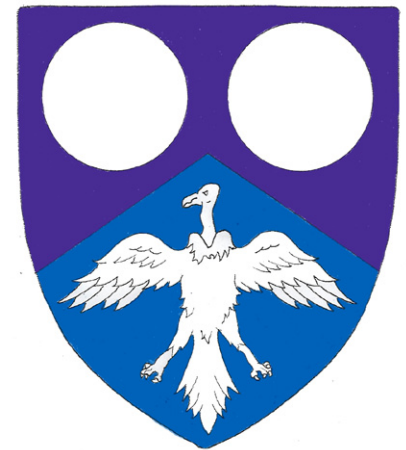
## FROM THE CALTROP HERALD

The Caltrop Pursuivant is pleased to announced the registration of the recent Vatavian proposals.

**Peodrík Ulfsbani:**  
*shield Per saltire sable and purple, in pale a wolf rampant and a hand argent.*



**Úlfkell hrafnhauus:**  
*name and shield Per chevron purple and azure, two plates and a vulture displayed argent.*



We extend our congratulations to these two gentles. We expect the results of the March decision on Peodrík's name spelling request in May. Seven Vatavian items will be considered for registration in May. Those results are expected to be received in July.

– Caltrop staff designated paper-pusher

### TO GET A COPY OF THE KNOWN WORLD HANDBOOK

Contact His Lordship Friar Thomas  
316-685-1182 | Handbooks are \$23.00



# — Meeting Minutes —

## OFFICERS' MEETING, JAN. 2024

OFFICERS' MEETING January 3, 2024 at University Congregational Church, Inc. 9209 East 29th St N, Wichita, KS 67226

12 members attended: 9 Baronage/ officers/ deputies/ event stewards; 3 members of the populace

January 27th is the Kingdom's annual Clothiers event in Independence Missouri. Three members announced that they had car space available to car pool to this event. His Excellency will be attending the War of the Phoenix starting February 5th. Those planning to attend Gulf Wars, March 9th – March 17th, should attend winter War Maneuvers February 17th in Columbia Missouri. Chieftains is the following weekend. After Gulf Wars is Coronation March 23rd. April 13th is Crown Tournament.

January 4th is Vatavia's New Year event in Kechi. The Arts and Sciences competition will be populace vote. The theme is 'What I Learned Last Year.' The weekend after Coronation is the local Spring Renaissance Festival April 20th- 21st. It was announced that His Excellency will be gone at that time for the Lilies site work weekend.

Members presenting classes the last month were thanked by the Arts and Sciences Minister. January 10th there will be a class on doing necklines for T-tunics and January 31st a fighters' fashion show. The next show and tell session will be in March. Those interested in teaching or class suggestions should contact the Arts and Sciences Minister. The Chatelaine and several other members attended the online Knowne World Chatelaines' Symposium the end of December. Members are encouraged to go to the Calontir Wiki site and update their personal page information or to provide information on their friends.

The Chronicler posted the Dragonflyre on the Baronial Facebook page December 25th. Their Excellencies thanked him for the issue noting the quality of the publication. March 15th is the deadline for all letters and other submissions for the next issue. It was reminded that all posting for the web site need to go through the Web Ministers email. Officers should be using their web email so there will be an archive of correspondence for future office holders. There was no news to report from the Social Media officer. The status of current heraldic proposals in process was announced. Work continues to re-establish a digital Order of Precedence for the Barony.

The Exchequer reported that first quarter payments for the storage shed and the Kechi rental had been made. It was explained that Theobald College had lost their bank. Until a new bank is located by

that group their funds and transactions will be handled through our account. Those funds have been transferred in and separate 'books' kept for those transactions. The current balance is \$22,724.35. \$21,563.35 of that amount is Vatavia's current balance.

The Property Master had nothing to report. Inventory will have been update when this office turns over early this year.

The Knight Marshal and Cut and Thrust Marshal both reported that due to the weather there had been no practices. Both are working on obtaining budgeted items for their activities. Potential new indoor fighter practice sites are being considered. There is currently no Archer Marshal; but, there are plans to set a workday for repairing Baronial arrows. There are also a nerf style arrow that could be used to once again have archery for guests during the local Renaissance Festivals.

Their Excellencies went over the Kingdom calendar and local upcoming events through Spring. A bid is needed for this year's Valor. It can be done as a team. It was noted that the different officers handle their areas; event stewards handle the theme related parts of the event. The Officer Corps is responsible for finding a site for the event. Their Excellencies announced that the original Holy Hand Grenades of Vatavia would be displayed at the upcoming New Year's event by the guardians of these relics. Krampus is also rumored to be attending.

The Seneschal reported on the search for potential Valor sites: Harvey County West Park in Burrton and Camp Hawk in Newton. A bid is needed for this event. It can be done as a team. It was noted that the different officers handle their areas; event stewards handle the theme related parts of the event.

There was a discussion about the resuming indoor fighter practice at Make ICT at 5920 E. Mt Vernon. There is a 'Brunch with the Board' January 13th and their monthly Board meeting January 18th which officers are encouraged to attend. It is possible this location could also be available for Wednesday meetings which could also include an additional fighter practice at that time. Possible cost is not known at this time. But it was noted that individual membership is \$300/year and the current Church rental is \$125/month. At this time it was also noted that insurance for archery at OJ Watson Park would be \$75. Plus OJ Watson Park has just instituted a new more extensive application form that may have complications for that activity.

The Web Minister will need to step down in a couple months. Applications for this office are needed.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.



## FINANCE MEETING, JAN. 2024

A meeting of the financial committee was held at the University Congregational Church, 9209 East 29th St N, Wichita, KS 67226, January 31, 2024 Committee members present were Kevin Larsen/ Úlfr Halfdane Amy Dyke/H Ly Tove Brianesdóttir; Robert Botkin/ HE. Robert the Scott; Mary J. Day/ HE Marie. Seneschal Deputy Joshua Thompson/ Ld Brynjólfur Fálkason and Two members of the populace joined the meeting: Tanna Burchinal/ Ly Astriðr Birnudóttir and Sarah Penick/ Ly Sarah O'Raghailigh.

There was a request to take two scutari and a Gott container cover to War of the Phoenix. Kevin Larsen/ Úlfr Halfdan moved to approve the request; Tanna Burchinal/ Ly Astriðr Birnudóttir seconded. The motion was approved. It was announced that four donated shelving units for the storage shed will be picked up this evening. Two benches have been offered to the Barony. It was moved by Kevin Larsen/ Úlfr Halfdan and seconded by Sarah Penick/ Ly Sarah O'Raghailigh to accept the donation. The motion was approved.

A site has been found for Valor 2024 at El Dorado State Lake, at the Box Turtle camping area. The camping area has 41 camping sites which can be reserved. Each site can have a maximum of 3 tents. Cost is \$10/day/tent. Since it is the holiday weekend, rental must be for all 4 days for a cost of \$40/ tent. Sites reservations can be canceled prior to the event with a transaction fee assessed for the cancellation. Site cost would be a minimum of \$1640; a maximum of \$4920. Shade flies do not count as tents. Members will be encouraged to bring pop-ups for use for activities.

Additional event costs are \$2250.50: \$55 printing, \$37 water bearing, \$75 propane, \$400 port-a-john rental, \$50 additional table rentals, \$25 toilet paper, \$25.50 additional trash dumpster; \$300 prizes, and tavern food. With maximum tenting this would total a projected maximum budget of \$7175. This would exceed the 2024 Valor budget of \$5700. It was noted that in the past tavern has had a profit that has offset some increased expenses.

A discussion on the event fee began. It was noted that the attendees would also have a additional \$5/day vehicle fee. Car pooling should be encouraged. Pre-registration will be encouraged in addition to a pre-registration discount. Pre-registration will be \$30; at the gate \$35 with children free. An attendance of 180 at the \$30 pre-registration would result in \$5400.

After this discussion of attendance history and the proposed attendance fee it was moved by Robert Botkin/ HE. Robert the Scott and seconded by Tanna Burchinal/ Ly Astriðr Birnudóttir to adjust the 2024 Valor budget authority to the \$7175 amount. The motion was approved.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Mary J. Day recording secretary.

## OFFICERS' MEETING, FEB. 2024

There was no meeting held in February.

## FINANCE MEETING, FEB. 2024

There was no meeting held in February.

## OFFICERS' MEETING, MAR. 2024

OFFICERS' MEETING March 6, 2024 at University Congregational Church, Inc. 9209 East 29th St N, Wichita, KS 67226

11 members attended: 8 Baronage/ officers/ deputies/ event stewards; 3 members of the populace

Queen's Prize is April 6th. GoA level arts and sciences recipients are available locally to sponsor those wishing to enter. The Valor theme will be Landsknecht this year. Planning and preparation for this event will start immediately after Gulf Wars ends.

There will be a class on side-less surcoats April 10th. The next 'show and tell' is tentatively scheduled for May 8th. A 'down and dirty' class on Landsknecht will be scheduled before the Valor event. Largess is needed. Some simple items such as kumihimo discs and mug covers can be made easily. Nights will be scheduled to work on items for largess. There are eight Vataivians with proposals at national for registration. Decision results are expected in May and July. The Gold Key loaner garb has been sorted and reduced. A tote has been set aside to present to the newest group, Shire of Coney March.

The Exchequer reported a balance of \$21,006 after payment of the non-member surcharge for Theobald and the Valor site fee. Checks need to be ordered and the bank signature card also needs to be updated. That will be dealt with in the financial meeting following this Officers' meeting.

The Knight Marshal has been holding fighter practice when the weather allows. There has been nothing finalized yet with Make ICT on moving Wednesday and Sunday activities to that facility. There is a Make ICT Board meeting this 21st. The Seneschal has been in communication with their officers. After discussion it was decided to request to have something by the 21st; the end of the month at the latest. Activities would then start in April. That would be pending any insurance issues. A new Archery Marshal has not been confirmed at this time.

The Seneschal announced that the Cut and Thrust Marshal has stepped down to take a Kingdom position. This office will need to be filled immediately. The Web Minister has been in that position for several years and need to be stepping down. Interest members need to apply. It was also noted that the site needs to be updated. The Social Media Officer may also be stepping down in the near future. The Sen-

eschal requested the dates certain officers started their tenure. That information will be sent to her this evening.

Valor preparations continue. It is still unconfirmed what Royalty and visiting Royalty will be in attendance. HL Corrigan offered and was accepted to organize the scrolls needed for the event. It was asked if a couple of the roll of arms would be displayed. Since there is no idea of display possibilities are, probably not. However there are 54 Valor winner pennants and five more to be made that will be on display.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

## FINANCE MEETING, MAR. 2024

A brief meeting of the finance committee was held March 6, 2024 after the monthly Officers' meeting. Committee members present were Amy Groom-Dyke/ HL Tove Brianesdohter, Alicia Nielsen/ Ly Alicia Niel, Kevin Larsen/ Ld Úlfr Halfdan, and Mary J. Day/ HE Marie Chantal Delaire. Populace in attendance were Nicholas Green/ HL Øyrikr Raðúlfsson (populace committee fifth vote), Chris Moore/ HL Malichi

Mac Kenzie O Corrigan, Jay Reynolds/ Master Jóhann Steinarsson, and Tanna Burchinal/ Ly Astriðr Birnudóttir.

A request was presented to take two Baronial scutari to gulf Wars. Amy Groom-Dyke/ HL Tove Brianesdohter moved to approved this request; Tanna Burchinal/ Ly Astriðr Birnudóttir. seconded the motion. It was approved. A discussion was held on changes needed to the bank signature card. It was recommended to have Alicia Nielsen/ Ly Alicia Niel, the local Exchequer; Mistress Meadhbh inghean uí Shuibhne, the Kingdom/ Regional Exchequer; Kevin Larsen/ Ld Úlfr Halfdan, local property master, Faye-Marie Mills/ HL Catlin Marie de Moretaine and Mary J. Day/ HE Marie Chantal Delaire, local members usually available at group meetings to deal with financial transactions. Alicia Nielsen/ Ly Alicia Niel moved to accept the proposed signatories. It was seconded by Tanna Burchinal/ Ly Astriðr Birnudóttir. The motion was approved.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Mary J. Day recording secretary



## — Recognized Vatavians —

Caltrop is pleased to announce the recognition of the activities by Kingdom of these members of Vatavia.

**Jóhann Steinarsson** . . . . . Falcon's Heart, 2/24/2024, Chieftains Three Rivers  
(all populace who participated in the online weekly Bardic during the recent great plague.)

**Lugaid mac Erca** . . . . .Leather Mallet, 2/17/2024, Winter War Maneuvers, Wyvern Cliffe

**Malichi MacKenzie O Corrigan** . . . . . Calon Lily, 1/27/2024, Clothiers, Cum an Iolair

**Matthias Worchestershire** . . . Iren Fyrd, 2/17/2024, Winter War Maneuvers, Wyvern Cliffe

# — Royal Contact Info — Events & Meetings —

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## BARONIAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Fighter Practice (Armored Combat and Calon Steel)**

Sundays | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

*Outdoors (March-October):* OJ Watson Park  
3022 S. McLean Blvd. | Wichita, KS 67217

*Indoors (November-February):* Location/Time TBA

Contact: Honorable Lord Øyríkr Raðúlfsson  
knightmarshal@vatavia.calontir.org

**Archery Practice**

Location/Time TBA

Contact: Honorable Lord Øyríkr Raðúlfsson  
knightmarshal@vatavia.calontir.org

**Officers' Meeting & Finance Meeting**

1st Wednesday of the Month | 7:00 - 9:00 PM

University Congregational Church, Inc.

9209 East 29th St. N. | Wichita, KS 67226

*Open to the populace.*

**Arts & Sciences Gatherings**

1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesdays | 7:00 - 9:00 PM

University Congregational Church, Inc.

9209 East 29th St. N. | Wichita, KS 67226

**Populace Meeting**

3rd Wednesday of the Month | 7:00 - 9:00 PM

University Congregational Church, Inc.

9209 East 29th St. N. | Wichita, KS 67226

## UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

**Queen's Prize**

Saturday, April 6, 2024 | 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

2851 S. Chapel Road | Carthage, MO 64836

Hosting Group: Shire of Crystal Mynes

**Crown Tournament**

Saturday, April 13 | 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

1900 Lakewood Dr. | Boone, IA 50036

Hosting Group: Barony of Coeur d'Ennu

**Unslung Heroes**

Saturday, April 27 | 8am – Sun, April 28, 12pm

30615 NE 158th St. | Excelsior Springs, MO 64024

Hosting Group: Aston Tor

**RUSH: the Outdoor Camping Edition**

Friday, May 3, 5pm – Sun, May 5, 12pm

61317 315th St. | Malvern, IA 51551

Hosting Group: Barony of the Lonely Tower

**War College**

Saturday, May 4, 2024 | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

State Highway 00 | Hallsville, MO

Hosting Group: Shire of Amlethsmor

**St. George and the Dragon**

Fri. May 10, 5:00 PM – Sun. May 12, 12:00 PM

2660 S. Scenic Ave. | Springfield, MO 65807

Hosting Group: Shire of OakHeart

**Cook & Combat May-Hem**

Fri. May 17, 5pm – Sun. May 19, 12pm

734 U Ave. | Middle Amana, IA 52307

Hosting Group: Shire of Deodar

**43rd Tournament of Valor**

Fri. May 24, 5:00 PM – Mon. May 27, 5:00 PM

El Dorado State Park:

Box Turtle Point 119, V69P+QR | Chelsea, KS 67042

Hosting Group: Barony of Vatavia

**The War of the Lilies**

Fri. June 7 – Sun. June 16

Kelsey Short Youth Camp:

17980 Collins Rd. | Smithville, MO 64089

**CalonCon**

*All officers' annual meetings.*

Saturday, June 29



# Valor

Barony of Vatavia

# XLIII

May 24-27, 2024

Theme: Landsknechte

- \$30 prereg member  
\$35 member  
\$45 nonmember  
17 & under free  
Checks payable to SCA Inc- Barony of Vatavia

- Directions: Located 3 miles east of El Dorado on US-54 and 1 mile north. Follow SCA signs.

- 123 tent spaces available, shower building, fishing with permit. Wet site.

- Address:  
El Dorado State Park  
Box Turtle Point 119  
Chelsea, KS  
67042

- Site opens: 5pm 5/24  
Site closes: Noon 5/27

FB Event: <https://facebook.com/events/s/tournament-of-valor/1448627729022462/>

- Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/valor-43/home>

- Important: The state park requires a parking fee of \$5/day. Pay online at:  
[www.ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Park-Fees](http://www.ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Park-Fees)



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# — Story of the Snizzles —

During the reign of Baron Thomas and Baroness Cerridwen, His Excellency of the Barony of Shattered Crystal, Saint Louis Metro-East, and his wife would visit whenever in Vatavia for his modern job. One of those visits the weather prediction was for snizzle. His Excellency Shattered Crystal asked just what was that? Snow and drizzle. His Excellency Thomas asked the heralds what the heraldry would be for that; and, charged them to research and to present that information at a future date.

A month later that report was done, complete with examples. The next visit of Their Cousins Shattered Crystal it was presented to both Their Excellencies Vatavia and Shattered Crystal. There was a special bound manuscript volume for Their Excellencies Shattered Crystal to take to document this heraldic research.

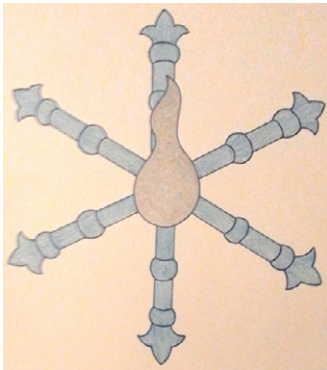
A snizzle is a snowflake representation, the escarbuncle, done usually in azure. There is a goutte d'eau,

a white droplet, at the center. This is the basic snizzle. Since it represents weather, it is a field treatment. So the shield would be a background with semy of snizzles all over. Of course in these the 'lands that burn' we sometimes have the very rare snizzle enraged, with lightning bolts.

Since it represents weather there are some standard designs corresponding to conditions. Light snizzle is just semy on the shield. Moderate snizzle predictions are foul/fowl weather so fowl with the snizzle treatment. Heavy snizzle things are just going down the drain. So it uses a gurge.

There is one regional variant that is very different, the weiner snizzle. Of course Americans who want their own heraldry have not had the historical experience or background. The American interpretation of the wiener snizzle is a distinctly, uniquely modern interpretation.

**basic snizzle**



**light snizzle**



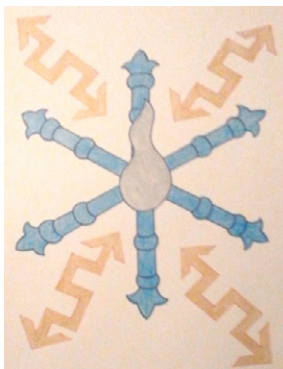
**medium snizzle,  
ie foul weather**



**heavy snizzle,  
worst weather**



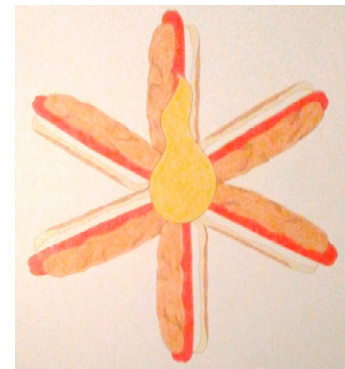
**when thunderstorm and  
snizzle, snizzle enraged**



**regional German snizzle,  
ie wiener snizzle**



**American misinterpretation  
wiener snizzle**





# — Vatavian New Year's Celebration 2024 —



Barony of Vatavia | January 6, 2024  
Photos by: Master Johann Steinarsson




# — Clothiers —



Shire of Cum an Iolar | January 27, 2024

Photos by: Master Johann Steinarsson

# — April 2024 —

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Officers & Finance Meeting / A&S Gath.	4	5	6 <b>Queen's Prize</b> <i>Shire of Crystal Mynes</i>
7 Fighter Practice	8	9	10 Arts & Sciences Gathering	11	12	13 <b>Crown Tournament</b> <i>Barony of Coeur d'Ennui</i>
14 Fighter Practice	15	16	17 Populace Meeting	18	19	20
21 Fighter Practice	22	23	24 Arts & Sciences Gathering	25	26	27 <b>Unslung Heroes</b> <i>Shire of Aston Tor</i>
28 Fighter Practice	29	30				
						

# — May 2024 —

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Officers & Finance Meeting / A&S Gath.	2	3 RUSH <i>Barony of the Lonely Tower</i>	4 War College <i>Shire of Amlethsmor</i>
5 Fighter Practice RUSH	6	7	8 Arts & Sciences Gathering	9	10 St. George and the Dragon <i>Shire of Oak Heart</i>	11
12 Fighter Practice	13	14	15 Populace Meeting	16	17 Cook & Combat May-Hem <i>Shire of Deodar</i>	18
19 Fighter Practice Cook & Combat May-Hem	20	21	22 Arts & Sciences Gathering	23	24 43rd Tournament of Valor <i>Barony of Vatavia</i>	25
26 43rd Tournament of Valor	27	28	29 Arts & Sciences Gathering	30	31	

## Upcoming Events:

Next month is THE WAR OF THE LILIES: "Populace on Parade"



# — June 2024 —

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Fighter Practice	3	4	5 Officers & Finance Meeting / A&S Gath.	6	7 The War of the Lilies	8
9 The War of the Lilies	10	11	12	13	14 The War of the Lilies	15
16 The War of the Lilies	17	18	19 Populace Meeting	20	21	22
23 Fighter Practice	24	25	26 Arts & Sciences Gathering	27	28	29 CalonCon
30 Fighter Practice	<p><b>Officers &amp; Marshals:</b>  <b>Don't forget to do your Quarterly Reports next month.</b></p>					