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Unto the right and noble populace of the Barony of Vatabia do Baron Uldin of Ravenscroft and Baroness Sung Sai-êrh send greetings and well wishes,

We are gladdened to return home after our ventures in the North. Our efforts were successful at Lilies War, we have heard nothing but great things about Vatabia's presence and numerous endeavors at the war. Special thanks to those who helped with the Baronial luncheon and those who volunteered for our Baronial gate shift (and for numerous additional hours throughout the week!!!).

We joined in the joy and celebration of Their Royal Majesties Damien & Issabell's Coronation in Mag Mor. May Their reign be blessed and made prosperous.

Masters of the Duel was a resounding success! Many good gentles did an amazing job in helping make the event go off without a hitch, from setup to tear down. Thank you all! Thank you Lady Lucia for finding a site and organizing the festivities, it was a joy to see this event being held in our Barony once more.

Looking forward, we all know that Valor is just around the corner. Please consider volunteering if you have not done so yet. We all have the responsibility of being a good host in our lands; please invite your friends to join us in the festivities during Labor Day weekend and help show them a damn fine time. This year, for the first time at Valor, we are hosting one of our well-renowned fajita nights on Sunday. Baron Uldin will be grilling up delicious meat and we ask that each of you consider bringing a side. Help spread the word! We will also have a donation jar set out for Kingdom fundraising.

Queen's Prize is being held in Theobald in September. Vatabia has a great number of talented artisans here and we encourage everyone to please consider entering. There are a number of eligible and willing leaders in the Barony who would be willing to help answer questions and provide sponsorship. Even if you are not entering we encourage you to go and enjoy and learn from the experience!

We are required to submit a bid for Coronation in January 2019. We are looking for new ideas, especially in regards to a potential site. We have a hard deadline of January 13th, 2018 for bid submissions. It would be nice to receive them earlier. Please contact our Seneschal or us with your ideas.

The Fall Great Plains Renaissance Festival is scheduled for September 23rd & 24th, 2017. Alongside Armored Combat and Cut and Thrust demos, we will be running pop booths and also the archery booth in the dell for fundraising. We loved the Artisan's Roadshow that we held in the spring, and look forward to the possibility of holding another one this fall. If you have ideas, organization suggestions, activities, layout considerations, etc. for the fair we would love to hear them!

Event season is in full swing, and we look forward to seeing you at a number of these amazing events!!! Do you enjoy pomp and circumstance? Court? You do **not** want to miss Mistress Maren Thorskabitr's elevation to the Order of Chivalry at Cattles Raids (Mag Mor, Lincoln, NE). Are you still looking forward to marching with the army in distant lands? It is not too late to muster for Pennsic (Æthelmearc, Slippery Rock, PA)! If Pennsic is not in the cards for you this year, consider attending our neighbor's "Ain't The Pitiful" party (Bois D'arc, Oswego, KS) instead!

Men-At-Arms, would you love a chance to win a pair of fluted finger gauntlets? Of course you would! Don't miss the tournament at Feast of Eagles (Cúm an Iolair, South Johnson County, KS)! King's Companie of Archers, the Kingdom's premier archery event, is held the week after Valor (Forgotten Sea, Smithville, MO). Are you interested in medieval cooking? Playing With Fire: A Medieval Outdoor Cooking Workshop (Forgotten Sea, Easton, MO) is where it's at! The bakers of Calontir are hard at work to establish a Baker's Guild in the Kingdom. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/774524519378747/> for more information.

Lady Catlin Marie de Moretaine will be taking over the role of Seneschal from Honorable Lord William Douglas. As was announced at Officers' Meeting in May, Honorable Lord Jóhann Steinarsson will be stepping down from the office of Caltrop Pursuivant (Herald) in December later this year. We would appreciate letters of intent for this position soon; while this is a somewhat involved position, there are a number of resources and Baronial and Kingdom folks who are willing to help you learn and do the job.

In ever faithful service,

Baron Uldin of Ravenscroft and Baroness Sung Sai-êrh

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FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings unto the Populace of Vatavia,

I start this letter with heaviness in my heart for it will be my last missive as Seneschal of the great Barony of Vatavia. My time was the allotted amount for this position but I feel I have not done enough for the Barony in the short amount of time that I was here. I want to thank every single officer for making my job the easiest I've ever had and I look forward to seeing the Barony blossom and grow with my replacement and know she will do a fine job. Although I will not be serving as the Seneschal any longer I will continue to work with the Barony and Populace on anything that needs to be done and want to let every single person know that if you ever need anything within my abilities, I will do my best to make it happen!

Thank you all for the amazing years working with the Barony!

In service to Crown and Kingdom,
-His Lordship William Douglas
Seneschal, Barony of Vatavia

FROM THE INCOMING SENESCHAL

Hey everybody!

I am Lady Catlin Marie du Moretaine, your incoming Seneschal when his Lordship William is ready to step down. I have been a member of the Barony for most of the past 25 years, living in Spinning Winds for a couple years in the middle of there as a young adult, and have raised my kids here in Vatavia.

During that time, I have had the honor to serve as Exchequer, twice, and as Seneshal once, and A & S minister once. I could usually be found either helping out at Gate or sitting somewhere out of the way doing some sort of art, weaving or sewing or painting on something. I would imagine that will still be true, like at fighter practice with Kain, sitting at the table weaving.

We have a lot going on here for the coming month or two. Masters of the Duel, Valor, Queens Prize, and Ren Faire, and I know we can look forward to seeing you all at some of this!

Catlin

FROM THE CASTELLAN

Greetings unto the populace of Vatavia,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable 4th of July.

We have two local events coming up really quick - Masters of the Duel is around the corner and Valor will be here before you know it. This is a perfect opportunity to check in with any of the new faces in the Barony (there are quite a few!) and encourage them to come out and play.

The Makers Fair demonstration is at the Exploration Place the day after Masters of the Duel as well. Any chance we have to interact with the public gives us a chance to bring people into the game.

As always, be on the lookout for new people. Introduce yourself and ask what their interests are.

In service,

Lord Oyrrik Randulfson

FROM THE EXCHEQUER

Here is where the Barony sits on available monies at the writing of this letter. We currently have \$10,797.32 in the bank. If you have any questions please feel

free to message me through the Baronial website
email: exchequer@baronyofvatavia.org

YIS

Lady Margaret MacKenzie

FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHAL

Greetings,

Heavy armor combat, cut & thrust, and archery are scheduled Sunday mornings at the far North end of OJ Watson Park. Regular hours begin at 11:00a. Summer hours begin at 10:00a. Hope you can make it out.

In service

~Master Hanashi no Kagemoto

FROM THE ARCHER MARSHAL

Now that warmer weather is here, practice will run at 10 am at the horse corral of OJ Watson park (weather permitting). Please contact me with any questions or requests for thing that you would like to work on during practice. Also if any of the loaner gear is gonna be needed let me know ahead of time so I know what to pack.

Vatavian Archer Marshal

Lord Konrad von Roth

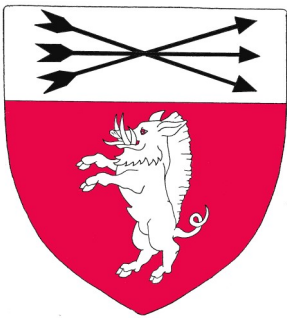
FROM THE CALTROP PURSUIVANT

Good gentles all,

The hot breath of summer is now bearing down upon us, and a new reign is approaching. With that in mind, I would like to urge everyone who has heraldic gear (banners, tabards, garb with your device woven in) to bring it out and show off how awesome Vatavia is. Those of you who attended Ly. Maria Arosa de Santa Olalla's classes on silk banner making, this is your cue to bring out your masterpieces! There will be plenty of opportunities to show off your finery - Masters of the Duel is coming, not to mention Feast of Eagles, Valor, King's Companie of Archers, Queen's Prize, and plenty of other second quarter events.

Speaking of events, there will be a need for voice heralds. Masters of the Duel will have several tournaments, and extra voice assist is always welcome. Obviously there will be a need for such assistance at Valor when the time comes, but that notification will go out with greater urgency once Valor is close at hand.

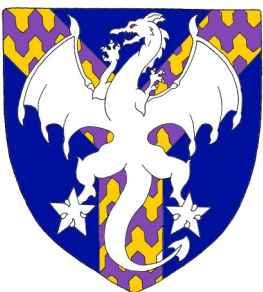
I would like to publicly congratulate Astriðr Birnudóttir, Darius Delphin and Völu-Dýrfinna Grímsdóttir; their items in process have all been approved and registered. If you see them, give them a hearty huzzah!



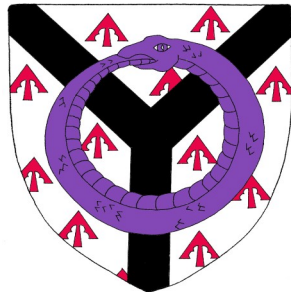
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Astriðr Birnudóttir Badge



Device Darius Delphin



Device Völu-Dýrfinna Grímsdóttir

Lastly, I would like to remind the populace that my time as Caltrop Pursuivant is coming to a close. At the end of December, I will step down after having served as Baronial Herald for five years. It's been quite a bit of fun, but the time has come for someone new to take the reins. Should you wish to apply for the office, Their Excellencies Uldin and Sung would like letters of intent no later than July 19th. If you are interested but a little intimidated, don't worry; I will be more than happy to show you the ropes, as will my immediate superior, HE Marie Chantal DeLaire (Gerfalcon Regional Herald).

Ever in service,
HL Johann Steinarsson

Good Vatavians, greetings,

There have been posts about the Caltrop Pursuivant stepping down and applications being accepted. The duties and responsibilities have also been posted. There are numerous aspects to the office. Voice heraldry includes court, field, camp cries, special announcements. Book heraldry focuses mainly on name, shield and badge proposals, classes/education, research projects. Like any office there is the paperwork of administration. The responsibility as Caltrop is to see that the heraldic needs of the group are met.

Delegation is perfectly acceptable. It is actually recommended for Baronies to establish staffs. It has been Vatavian tradition since the tenure of Mistress Annys de Vernon's tenure as Caltrop in AS XXVI (1990) to have a staff to handle the diversity of heraldic activities. The staffing is already in place for any incoming Caltrop.

I encourage any interested individual to apply. You get the possibility of a sit down job in the shade, out of the weather; the best seat in the house for court; and the best view of tournaments.

Marie Chantal Delaire
Gerfalcon/ SW Regional Herald

FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTERS

Unto the Most Worthy Populace of Vatavia and environs, do we your Arts & Sciences co- ministers, Lady Maria Arosa de Santa Olalla and Lord Niall Mac a'Ghobhainn, bring these Greetings:

As the warmer months continue, all of the Populace are reminded to bring their Arts and Sciences projects and interests to fighter practice Sundays at OJ Watson Park, at 3022 S McLean Blvd, in Wichita 67217. Whether you wish to teach a formal class, work on your project, or show off your results (it is allowed!), please share your skills and knowledge with the Barony & Populace on Sundays. This is also an excellent opportunity for the Populace to interact with Vatavia artisans and scientists, and appreciate their work. All projects and endeavors are welcome!

Likewise, the calendar is open for classes and demonstrations of every kind through the quarter. If you have a request for a particular class or instructor class, or if you wish to teach, please contact either of us. Remember, any period or Society subject is the perfect thing for arts and sciences. These meetings are held every Wednesday at 7 PM, save the week of Populace meeting, at MakeICT, 1500 E Douglas in Wichita.

On various occasions, the subject of discussions has been discussed. If any member of the Populace wishes to host a roundtable discussion on Society or period topics, either Wednesdays or Sundays, please let us know.

Looking forward, a host of events are on the calendar, bringing with them many Arts & Sciences opportunities: On July 22-23, Masters of the Duel returns to Vatavia, and for those who will travel far, Pennsic comes fast in August. And do not forget, in September we have Valor (Sept 2 - 3), and then Theobald hosts The Queen's Prize Tournament (Sept 16 - 17).

For those who wish to enter The Queen's Prize Tournament, remember a sponsor is required, either a Companion to Calon Lily (or equivalent), Silver Hammer (or equivalent), or a Companion to the Order of the Laurel. The Queen's Prize Tournament is a non-competitive juried competition sponsored by the Kingdom. Each entrant is entitled to one entry. Multiple entries will not be accepted. Entries that have been entered before in any Arts and Sciences Championship or equivalent outside Calontir, Queen's Prize Tournament or equivalent, or Tri- Levels are not eligible for entry. Sponsors may sponsor a maximum of five entries, and may not judge the entrants they sponsored.

Sponsors must bring one prize per each entrant sponsored. Judging will be conducted in a face-to-face manner against the current Novice Criteria. Sponsors are encouraged to work with entrants on the development of their entries.

We remain Yours in service,
Lady Maria
Lord Niall
Arts and Sciences Ministers, Vatavia

FROM THE DEMO COORDINATOR

The Exploration Place presentations for the remainder of this year have been arranged. We have been published as being there during the Maker Fair on Sunday July 23rd. This is the day after Masters of the Duel here in Vatavia. Details are still being finalized. Information will be pasted as it is available on the DFO and other sites.

The other presentations will be October 29th on 'Costuming' and December 17th on 'Heroes of the Middle Ages: The Nine Worthies and Knights of the Round Table.' Like last year there will be a scavenger hunt based on the December theme. There will be a prize bag for an adult and a child. Any prize items for an adult or a child would be appreciated.

August 12 is the Museum of World Treasures Customer Appreciation Day. Vatavia has again been invited to participate. We will be there from opening at 10 am to 2 pm. Members must contact the event steward in advance if you would like to participate. Volunteers must be on the list to get in that day. I would rather state the day of the presentation that someone is unable to be there than to turn someone away at the door.

The Museum of World Treasures is already planning and preparing for student visits in 2018. Their education individual inquired if there were any extra armor pieces that could be donated to the Museum's education program. Ideally they would like pieces students can try on. From our correspondence she realizes our items would be adult sized. Anything a child could handle to help engage them in the experience and enhance their learning experience would be appreciated. Contact Marie or the Museum of World Treasures, Kristin Martin, directly.

In service to sharing the Society with the community.
Marie

“Music oft hath such a charm”

An Introduction to Musica Vatabia

At the most recent champions event, a little bit of baronial history was made in addition the noble competitions. Musica Vatabia, a period music ensemble, made their debut. It has been a long road from formation to first performance, which this little article hopes to briefly document.

The ensemble had their first rehearsal July 26, A.S. LI. For many members of the group, it was the first time they had really played their instruments since high school band, or indeed, had every played with a band at all. Everyone had hurdles large and small to get over: learning to read music, learning technical skills, even learning a new instrument altogether. By virtue of hard work and determination, the members of Musica Vatabia honed their art step-by-step, until ready for their first public performance.

Because of the crushingly prohibitive costs of reproduction period instruments, for now Musica Vatabia practices a kind of “acoustic verisimilitude.” That is, the musicians used modern instruments to reproduce the sounds of the instruments’ medieval and Renaissance ancestors. In some cases, there’s not much difference at all: the flute played by Lady Deidre is in most ways just like period open-hole flutes, just made of modern materials. The trombone played by Lady Grainne is virtually the same as the period sacbut, different only by a larger bell and the addition of a trigger-key to change tonality. In the case of Lady Zabel’s clarinet, a little bit of research documented the clarinet as the descendant of the medieval stock-and-horn: a sheep or cow horn cut into a resonator and mounted on a wooden stock that held a single or double reed. And some instruments, such as rope-tension drums and recorders haven’t changed at all, again with the exception of materials.

The repertoire of Musica Vatabia follows two threads: arrangements of period works, and original compositions in period and period-esque styles. Examples of new pieces include a Baronial fanfare & march, and a pipe & tabor ditty entitled “Ladies of Vatabia.” Arrangements of period works thus far reflect mostly European, mostly secular source materials, such as the 15th century French piece “Le Roi Anglais,” which is actually a bit of agit-prop aimed at English king Henry V. The oldest period piece done by Musica Vatabia to date is an arrangement of “Mirie it is while summer ilast,” the oldest known secular English song for which notation survives from the first half of the 13th century.

The Musica Vatabia manifesto defines the ensemble as “dedicated to the enjoyment, entertainment and edification of the performers and audience alike.” The ensemble’s goals are to provide music for local, Baronial, Kingdom and special events & demos, give our own signature concerts, and to accompany European and Middle Eastern dancing. Now that the band has taken that first big step into public view, look---and listen!---for Musica Vatabia at more and more events.

Join Musica Vatabia! Anyone with at least of modicum of musical experience is encouraged to join this growing and dynamic group. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings. Please contact Lord Niall for more information: [cdmayer\(at\)cox\(dot\)net](mailto:cdmayer(at)cox(dot)net)

Make ICT and the Barony of Vatabia

It has been over a year since Make ICT opened its doors to the Barony. We were the first of their recognized collaborative member organizations. We actually helped establish the paperwork and policy for this type of relationship. Like all relationships it has grown over the last year.

We have seen growth in the number of arts and sciences classes and in new members. Make ICT has grown as well from about 150 members to over 360 members and more collaborative member organizations. New protocols have evolved in response to the changes their increased membership has produced. Some procedures remain unchanged and are part of our agreement with Make ICT. Others are part of the continuing, evolving relationship the Barony has with them.

Unchanged is the policy on Vatabian members' presence. We are there under the sponsorship of a Make ICT member's responsibility. Our meetings are scheduled to begin at 7 pm. Members are welcome to come in earlier if the Seneschal or sponsoring member is also there at that time.

We agreed to do a minimum of 2 classes a year. Classes are to be open to Make ICT members and also open to the general public to attend. Classes are to be posted on the Make ICT schedule; then, their members and other interested people can plan, if they wish, to attend. Make ICT members can be charged a class materials fee but not a fee to take the class. With the increased demands on the facility with the larger membership and additional collaborative groups this makes the 14 day scheduling requirement more important than ever. This especially applies if the class or meeting will require special needs or additional space. If a special makerspace, i.e. jewelry shop, pottery room, wood shop, sewing area, is to be used it will need to be reserved.

This should not be confused with regular gatherings. We are scheduled to be at Make ICT the first, second, fourth, and if there is a fifth, Wednesdays in a month. It is not automatic that these already scheduled meeting dates meet the 14 day requirement to post for classes. Planned classes need to be scheduled at least 14 days prior to a presentation. This does NOT mean that sharing and teaching cannot occur on other meeting days. It means that *official* classes are to follow the 14 day advance scheduling requirement.

One result of our collaborative organization status is that *national* members have certain opportunities. Make ICT has extended their policies so that SCA national members who pay the fees, receive the training and are approved and certified can have access to the makerspace areas and the equipment they are certified on. This is *only* during our regularly scheduled meetings from 7pm-9pm. Realize that some equipment will have material fees. Also some equipment now require advance reservation because of the demand for them. This especially applies to the laser cutter. Equipment reservation is one of the changes. Anyone who has reserved time on a piece of equipment or a makerspace has priority.

One specific change in policy is the need to identify who is in the building at any time: member, guest, collaborative organization member, class student, etc. Name tags are to be worn. Tags can be printed at the entrance. Or individuals, or their organization, can make their own tags. For us this means the tag needs to have the person's modern name- first and last- and identify them as an SCA Inc. member. Society name and armory can be included. A tag board has been made to store a person's tag if they wish. It will be brought to all Make ICT meetings.

Some things have changed. Some things remain the same. The relationship continues to grow.

OFFICERS' MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2017

Make ICT 1500 East Douglas, Wichita, Kansas

19 were in attendance: 11 Baronage/ officers/deputies; 1 other member participated in the meeting; 1 child

The Champions' event was rescheduled the end of April to June 4th due to the inclement weather. Despite the weather the beginning of the Renaissance Festival it was a success in several ways. The arts and sciences road show drew in several interested guests. Archery was well received. Both were recommended for the next Festival.

The schedule of presentations for Exploration Place has been finalized: May 7th Engineering, July 23rd smorgasbord of all our activities, October 29th Costuming, and December 19th to tie in with Heroes exhibit, The Nine Worthies. There has been no contact from Moline about the requested presentation there late June.

Her Excellency announced that the Baronial shift for gate at Lilies has been fully staffed. The Baronial luncheon will be Thursday afternoon at the War. It was learned that the availability of ice on site has been resolved.

Two new name proposals have been forwarded to national. Results have not been received for other Vatavia items. Additional items are being processed locally. This month all the arts and sciences classes will be on each step for making silk banners. There has been so much interest that individuals are requested to bring their own frame materials. An embroidery class is tentatively scheduled for in June. The next Dragonflyre will be in July.

The Baronial website has some links that are bad and have been updated or deleted. The Exchequer reported a balance of \$11,817.83. The new procedure implemented with Eagles Realm had the gratuity received at the end of the Festival, which brings us up to current with them. It was reported that the archery concession raised \$210 for the one day it was able to operate.

There will be a meeting with Sir Wulfric at fighter practice this Sunday May 7th to discuss starting youth combat in Vatavia, There were a couple of new authorizations

made at the Renaissance Festival.

Applications are open for the position of Seneschal. The current Seneschal will step down after Valor and remain as deputy to that office. The Caltrop Pursivant announced that after 4 ½ years he will be stepping down December 31st. The meeting adjourned.

June 7, 2017

Make ICT 1500 East Douglas, Wichita, Kansas

17 were in attendance; two were children: 12 Baronage/ officers/deputies;

Last minute preparations for Lilies required several officers and members attention. The meeting was kept to essentials. A financial meeting was needed after the regular meeting.

The next special subject presentation at Exploration Place will be July 23rd during their special Maker Faire event. It will be over all the aspects of Society activities. August 12th the Barony will be joining the Museum of World Treasures for their Customer Appreciation Day from 10 am - 2 pm. This presentation will require interested members volunteering in order to get on the required event check in list.

Those members attending Lilies are encouraged to display their personal heraldry, especially the new banners made during last month's classes. Members were also encouraged to take the learning opportunity provided by the artisans road show at the event. Also assistance would be appreciated with heraldic duties.

Valor on Labor Day weekend will have a Middle Eastern theme for arts and sciences: Crusaders vs Saladin.

The next Arts and Sciences class will be in July on embroidery and favor making. The date is still to be finalized. The status of heraldic proposals remains unchanged. The Barony website has been updated on the Champions and Order of Precedence. It was noted that certain parts of the website have not been updated since 2013. Rewording will be done to clarify the status of different parts of the site. The next *Dragonflyre* will be published in July.

There is currently a balance of \$10,877.32 in the Baronial account. A donation was received at the Champions' event and will be deposited.

Archery practice has been cancelled due to the volleyball tournament just on the other side of the park fence and due to Lilies. The combat and cut and thrust practice has been cancelled as well.

Their Excellencies announced that 2018 Horse and Falcon and Valor dates will be traded. This is a trial change in order to see the effect the dates have on each event. Vata-vians are strongly encouraged to attend and support the Forgotten Sea event Labor Day 2018. This change will put Valor on Memorial Day.

It was clarified that the Baronial luncheon on Thursday is not intended nor planned to feed all 800 but only 100 individuals. There had been some misconceptions.

William thanked all the officers for the job they are doing. He reminded everyone that the quarterly reports will be due in about three weeks. Getting them in on time makes his job easy.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

July 5, 2017

Make ICT 1500 East Douglas, Wichita, Kansas

16 members were in attendance: 10 Baronage/ officers/ deputies; 5 members of the populace; 1 visiting former Vata-vian

Confirmation was received today from Exploration Place for Vata-via being part of their July 23rd Maker Faire event. The Knight Marshal requested to be set up near the entrance on the grass. The indoor presentation will be over all the aspects of Society activities. It was requested and approved to do Napier's bones as a guest hands on activity. August 12th the Barony will be joining the Museum of World Treasures for their Customer Appreciation Day from 10 am- 2 pm. This presentation will require interested members volunteering in advance in order to get on the required event check in list. Further information for both demos will be posted as more details are available. The remaining presentations at Exploration Place are October 29th, Costuming and December 17th, Heroes of the Middle Ages.

Event season is in full swing with events or presentations almost weekly. Members are encouraged to attend and to volunteer. Masters of the Duel, which originally started in Vata-via, will be held here once again July 22nd. At least one more person is needed for set up. There will be more opportunities the day of the event to help. Baronial property needed for the event and its transportation to the site will be worked out by the event staff. It is hoped Masters of the Duel will become a regular official Kingdom event in the near future.

It was announced that Astriðr's name, badge, and device,

Darius's device and Völu-Dýrfinna's device have been registered. The status of other heraldic proposals remains unchanged. The deadline for the next Dragonflyre is July 5th; it will be published in July by the 15th. Donations were requested for the child's and adult's prize bags for the December scavenger hunt during the Heroes of the Middle Ages demo. The Chatelaine encouraged non fighters also to continue to attend fighter practices. Pre-prints for the coming reign and the Baronial painting materials will be brought to the next arts and sciences meeting.

The signature card is ready for finance members to sign. Those officers are encouraged to take care of this as soon as feasible.

Fighter practice will change to summer hours starting at 10 am in the very near future. The change will be posted on all Baronial social media when the change occurs. Members are encouraged to continue attending the practice. It was reported there have been 30 or more attending, with other activities and arts and science projects being done as well. Winter fighter practice will start in December at Exploration Place.

This Sunday fighter practice, July 9th, it is planned to do something special since this will be the last fighter practice for Their Graces Garick and Yasamin.

William thanked all the officers for making his job easy. He reminded everyone that the quarterly reports will be due in a week and a half. Getting reports in early makes his job easier. It was stressed that late delivery counts as late; before 9 pm is his personal deadline. Getting reports in on time, or earlier, makes his job easy since his regional has to have everything compiled by the 20th. The quarterly reports deadline coincides with the Calon Con for officers. All are highly encouraged to attend or send a representative so as to have information on changes, new items being implemented, and any other announcements. It was added that this is a business meeting and garb is not required.

Letters of application for the position of Herald are due by July 19th. Office change over will be in December. The new Seneschal has been selected, Lady Caitlin Marie. It was noted she has filled this position before. She will take over in a couple months when HL William steps down.

His Grace Garick delivered the new Baronial coronets. He remarked that he realized that they were driving out next Tuesday but his tools were leaving before then. There were jokes about how to get HE Uldin's coronet to fit properly. Their Graces were specifically thanked for being the event stewards for the event here last April.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

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UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

••• July •••

- 8-9 Summer Coronation | Mag Mor | Lincoln, NE
15-16 CalonCon | Forgotten Sea | Belton, MO
22-23 Masters of the Duel | Vatavia | Wichita, KS
29-30 Feast of Eagles | Cum an Iolar | South Johnson County

••• August •••

- 5-13 Pennsic War | Aethelmarc | Slippery Rock, PA
12-13 Ain't The Pitiful | Bois D'arc | Oswego, KS
19-20 St. Augustines Faire | Heraldshill | Charles City, IA
26-27 Cattle Raids | Mag Mor | Lincoln, NE

••• September •••

- 2-3 Valor | Vavatia | Wichita, KS
9-10 King's Companie of Archers | Forgotten Sea | Smithville, MO
16-17 Queen's Prize Tournament | Theobald College |
Arkansas City, KS
23-24 Feast of Fools: Saxon Balls | Axed Root
Ames, IA
23-24 A Crusade to Grimfells | Grimfells | Fayetteville, AR
30 Gryphons Fest | Three Rivers | St. Louis, MO
30 Playing With Fire: A Medieval Outdoor Cooking
Workshop | Forgotten Sea | Kansas City, MO

BARONIAL GATHERINGS

Populace Meeting Third Wednesday, 7-9 PM VFW Post 112, 1560 South Topeka Street, Wichita, KS 67211

Fighter Practice (Armored Combat and Calon Steel) Sundays, 11 AM | O.J. Watson Park, 3022 S McLean Boulevard, Wichita, KS 67217 For more information, contact: Master Hanashi no Kagemoto (Kage) knightmarshal@baronyofvatavia.org

Archery Practice Sundays, 10 AM | O.J. Watson Park, 3022 S McLean Boulevard, Wichita, KS 67217 contact: Konrad von Roth | archermarshal@baronyofvatavia.org

Officers Meeting & Finance Meeting First Wednesday of the month, 7-9 PM. Open to the populace. Make ICT, 1500 E Douglas Ave, Wichita, KS 67214

Arts and Sciences Gathering 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7-9 PM at Make ICT, 1500 E Douglas Ave, Wichita, KS 67214

Baronial Demos:

Great Plains Renaissance Festival
September 23rd & 24th, 2017

Museum of World Treasures Customer Appreciation Day.
August 12, 2017 | 10 am to 2 pm

Exploration Place

October 19th, 2017 | Costuming

December 17th, 2017 | Heros of the Middle Ages:
The Nine Worthies and Knights of the Round Table

Contact HE Marie Chantal Delair for more information concerning demos.

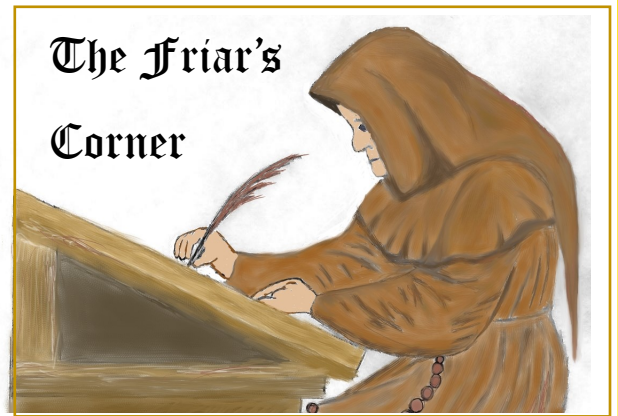
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A Meditation on Duty

By **H** Friar Thomas Bacon



One of the hardest things members of the SCA to grasp is the mindset of a medieval person. Their worldview is very much different than the one we have today, particularly in the United States. As a result their actions can be confounding to us. Usually this leads to a discussion of religion, but this problem extends beyond that. This goes to the social norms that guided everyone's life. This can lead them to do things unquestionable, that we ourselves would never consider doing. This essay will look at one aspect of this in the form of duty.

Duty is the act of doing something because it is expected of you to do it. It is the putting of the interest of the group over that of the performing individual. It is doing the right thing independent of the legal system. It could as simple as picking up trash as you find it, or performing a life threatening task. Nowadays, duty is usually looked upon as something we interrupt our lives to go do, and when it is done, we go back and resume our regular life. But in the Middle Ages, duty was your life. It defined everything you did. The difference here is that in the modern day the individual is supreme, while in the Middle Ages, it was the group, be it village, household, or kingdom.

In the SCA, the virtue most bantered about is honor. But underlining honor is duty. Honor is what you earn by doing your duty. By making the right calls even though no one else could gainsay you if you called it otherwise. Another word for honor is respect. It is earned by being considerate of others in your decision making.

One of the most celebrated cases of duty in the Middle Ages is "The Song of Roland". In the central action of the poem, Roland and his section of the army make a stand against an ambushing army of Saracens. While a sense of pride prevents Roland from calling for reinforcements until it is too late, duty holds the Frenchmen to the battlefield even as their companions are slaughtered around them. Retreat to save themselves is never considered.

Another example is the SCA song "At the Battle of Maldon". While the song speaks of honor as the reason for their final stand, but it would be more accurate to say it was duty. They had taken oaths and received gifts, they were duty bound. And while that duty cost them their lives, they were rewarded with lasting fame.

A less martial example of duty in the Middle Ages, can be found in the various lives of the martyrs and saints. Here it is duty not to a leader, but to a belief. The worthies endure all forms of cruel punishments to remain true to their belief. They are also endlessly sacrificing to care for someone else, be it their own clothes or food.

The period romances are another exercise in duty, this time to one's love. Here the knights endure a seemingly endless quest, having to deal with all sort of adventures and temptations to prove their devotion to their lady. And those who fall to temptation, fail, and live miserable lives.

It is commonly asked how it could be possible for the average peasant would willing go off to war with his lord even though there was a strong possibility that he would die. Or quietly suffer starvation during famine, while his lord remained reasonably well fed. Or perform any number of onerous tasks that the lord set on him. And the answer is duty. But the lord had his own duty to the peasant, principally seeing that the land by outsiders, and providing a rough form of justice, and the upholding of traditions. What we consider the Middle Ages begins to unravel when this bargain begins to fall apart.

So what does this mean in the current Middle Ages? No one is being asked to sacrifice their lives or their possessions. Or to unquestioning obey. But we can give of our time, of our skills, of our knowledge. Someone must man the gate. Someone must cook the food for feast. Someone must make the regalia that symbolize our ideals. It is our duty to contribute to these things however we and whenever we can. Because the magic of the Society cannot exist without it.

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