

The Dragon Flyre

NEWSLETTER FOR THE BARONY OF VATAVIA



DANCE OF DEATH

For the benefit of the soul, Heaven is the goal. Let prayers be said, Before one is dead.

The invitation to dance is bestowed at birth. All the living return to the earth.

King and Peasant, Bishop and Merchant, Lord and Lady, young and old,

All must cross the reaper's threshold.

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FROM THE BARONAGE

Hail and well met unto the tenacious populace of the glorious lands that burn from your Baron and Baroness, Eques Uldin of Ravenscroft and Nü Tzê Sung Sai-êrh.

It has been said that we learn best by doing. We are thrilled with increasing number and diversity of classes being taught, the projects and interests that are being pursued. We are delighted to see all of you have the opportunity to discover your strengths and talents, to expand and share your knowledge with each other.

If you have a class you would like to teach or have an idea for a project or activity you would like to see the group do together, please let us or Lord Niall Mac a'Ghobhainn and Lady Maria Arosa de Santa Olalla know.

There is a noticeable change in the air, and while the leaves have yet to return to their roots, fall is most certainly here. As the seasons turn, so to must we as we look to things forthcoming:

Champions, we would like you to begin overseeing the smooth transition of your leadership this next year. We are asking to meet with you briefly at our Populace Gathering in November to begin discussing our next Champions Tourney.

We are asking for bids for Valor XXXVIII to be submitted no later than January 18th, 2017.

We are excited to be hosting Crown Tournament for the Kingdom in April of next year. It is an honor to play the part of host for our Kingdom as we bear witness to securing the line of our Kings. If you are interested in helping to run the kitchen, sit gate, etc. please let our Event Stewards Duchess Yasamin al-Hadiyya and Lady Deirdre de Warenne of Childentun know.

Our Spring Renaissance demo will likely be held in late April. We will let you know the date as soon as we hear word. We are excited about some of the new ideas that were implemented and discussed during the course of the weekend. We already have an awesome idea for how to layout the Dell next year and intend to continue exploring new avenues to entertain and engage our audience, aka potential new members! If you are interested in organizing our efforts for our demo in the Spring please let our Seneschal, Lord William Douglas, and us know no later than March 15th, 2017.

Lady Lucia has submitted a bid for Masters of the Duel in July, to be held at the Andover Community Center. Lady Maria Arosa de Santa Olalla is currently putting a bid together for Queen's Prize Tournament, to be held at the Scottish Rite Center. (The **Scottish Rite Center**. *How cool is that?!*) Thank you Ladies for submitting bids for these events, and for approaching different venues.

Lilies is coming. Lilies XXXI will be held in the Crown lands in June once more. Have you considered teaching a class, volunteering to head up our Barony's troll shift, or being marshal of the day for one of the martial activities? Do you have an idea for a party, competition, tourney, or some other social gathering we can oversee at the war? Let us know! Don't just attend the war, join in helping this one the best one yet! Be the fun!

Many hands make light work! If you are interested in helping out in the myriad of activities and events that will be happening in the course of next year please let us know.

Are you interested in learning more about how the SCA works behind the scenes? Are you looking for a way to help out but not necessarily ready to take on the commitment of an officer's position at this time? Excellent! We have many offices that are currently looking for deputies. Being a deputy means you are studying about that particular office and it's role from the current officer. It does not mean that you have volunteered to be the next officer for that position when it is open.

If you have suggestions or ideas for group projects, fund-raising, largess, recruitment and retention.. we would love to hear it! We are always excited to try new things! You are welcome to present your ideas at our monthly Officers' Meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of the month at MakeICT downtown. These meetings, as always, are open to all members.

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,

First, I want to thank everyone for helping out at Ren Faire. It was a lot of work but everyone came together and helped out! This is one of the two we do every year and they are our biggest demos. The entire officer corp came together and organized a great demo for the public. Special thanks go out to Heidi for being the Camp Mom and feeding everyone and keeping us hydrated during the weekend. Also, special thanks to Their Excellencies (Uldin, Sung and Donald) for helping with the pop booths when they didn't really have to and filling in wherever they could help! The entire populace banded together and helped out during the entire weekend and made it a successful demo.

Second, I have been doing this job (Seneschal) for a year and would like to start training my replacement very soon so they can be prepared to take over next year when I step down. The sooner I can start showing someone the basic paperwork the easier it will be to take over (which really is not that much comparatively speaking.) If you are interested in this please contact me and I will be happy to talk to you about what is involved.

Thank you again to everyone!

-His Lordship William Douglas
Seneschal, Barony of Vatavia

FROM THE CALTROP PURSUIVANT

Good gentles all,

This past quarter has been a productive one. We have had no less than seven acceptances as of this writing - four names, and three devices. These include Mána Raudr, a.k.a. Moon Hides The Sun (name and device), Sigurdr Skrifari (name and device), Darius Delphin (name), and Morgan Stone (name and device). For those of you with names still in process, we will notify you as soon as we receive notification, aye or nay.

While the event season may be slowing its pace, we will have a few voice-herald-heavy events in the very near future. The upcoming Crown Tournament will need strong voices

for the field heraldry, and as always, the annual Toys For Tots Tournament needs as many heralds as they can get. I urge you, if you are willing and able, to consider lending your voice.

At this time, the search continues for Heraldic Deputies! Both myself and HE Marie Chantal DeLaire are looking for people interested in learning the workings of our offices. Caltrop Pursuivant and Gerfalcon Regional Herald are both vital offices, and should either of us become incapacitated, we will need someone to step into the breach. It can be quite an enlightening and often fun experience, so I beseech you once more, consider lending your local heralds a hand. We can be reached via our contact information on the Baronial website.

In service,

HL Johann Steinarsson

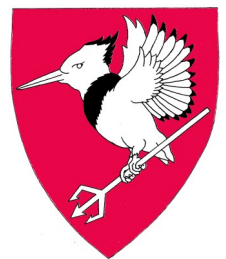
Caltrop Pursuivant

To the populace of Vatavia, Greetings,

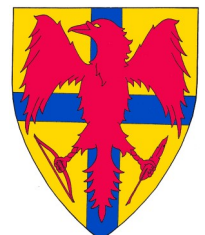
The Caltrop Pursuivant and staff are pleased to announce that four Vataivians have had Laurel register their proposals:

Darius Delphin: name

Mána Raudr: Gules, a kingfisher rising argent marked sable maintaining a trident bendwise sinister inverted argent.



Sigurðr skrifari: name and shield: Or, a cross azure, overall a raven displayed maintaining a bow and a quill pen gules.



Morgan Stone: Sable, a chevron purpure, fimbriated surmounted by a griffin in dexter chief a cinquefoil argent.



Congratulations to these good gentles
Caltrop and Caltrop Staff

FROM THE CHATELAINE

Greetings, Vatavia!

I hope this missive finds you and yours well, and happy with your summer! We have some fun events on the upcoming schedule and I'd love to see as many of you there as possible!

Crown Tournament is a sight to behold! Join the kingdom as the Crown awaits their new Heirs! **Rush Event** will be a full schedule of classes on a huge variety of subjects! **The Known World Fiber Arts Symposium** is in Calontir this year!!! **Kris Kinder** is the place to get all your medieval holiday shopping done!! Please check out the full kingdom calendar here:

<http://calendar.calontir.org>

If you'd like to go but don't want to go alone, just ask around! Carpooling is a great way to travel!

Locally, the Arts & Sciences meetings continue with exciting classes, and you will have an opportunity to interact with the public at Exploration Place demos. The Night of the Living Zoo is 3 evenings of Too Much Fun. Talk to HE Marie about these events.

Have a great fall!

In Service to the Dream,
Deirdre de Warenne, Chatelaine

FROM THE ARCHER MARSHAL

Greeting to all

Archery practice will continue at the stables of OJ Watson park at 10 am thru November. When fighter practice moves indoors I will be temporarily shutting it down until I can find a suitable and affordable indoor site. If I can secure something before then I will let everyone know.

Lord Konrad von Roth

FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHAL

Greetings to the populace of Vatavia,

As we move into the fall I would urge all fighters to check and repair their armor.

For October and November fighter practice is at OJ Watson Park at the very North end by the horse stable/pens. For last minute cancelations due to inclement weather check the Baronial Facebook page. In December we will be moving fighter practice to Exploration Place, and the start time will change to noon.

October 23rd we are planning a lot of fun things to mark the end of the outdoor season for fighter practice. Keep an eye on the Baronial Facebook page for updates.

In Service to the Fighting Falcons,

Magnus (Torin) O'Carr

FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTERS

Unto the Most Gracious 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:

If you participate in the arts & sciences, at home or throughout the Kingdom and beyond, please let us know of your achievements. Whether you entered competition, taught or took a class, or performed bardic arts, dance or music, please pass on your details to the Arts & Sciences co-ministers, and let all the Barony know and celebrate your works. This information also enters the Kingdom chronicles via the quarterly Arts & Sciences report.

The roster of classes through the end of the calendar year includes:

October 12: Die Making, Part I (HL William Douglas)

October 26: Haversack construction (Lord Moon Hides the Sun)

November 9: Die Making, Part II (HL William Douglas)

November 30: Gores/Garb Construction (Maria Arosa)

December 14: How to Herald a Tournament (HL Johann)

Arts & Sciences classes are held at the weekly gathering at MakeICT, 1500 E Douglas Ave, in Wichita 67214. Unless otherwise noted, classes are presented the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.

It is not too soon to schedule classes for 2017! If you wish to teach a class, we are very happy to welcome every instructor and every subject. Even if you are a novice in your chosen pursuit, or have just completed your first prototype or research, please share your work with Vatavia! Any period topic, or interest specific to the SCA, is the perfect subject for a class. Please contact either of the co-ministers to get on the schedule. Likewise, please let us know if you have a special request for a class or an instructor, and we will do our best to make arrangements.

Of special note to all Vatavians is the upcoming RUSH session: Saturday, November 5, in the Free Shire of Carlsby. Follow this link to updates on classes and schedules:

<https://sites.google.com/site/rushincarlsbybacktoourroots/home>

The time-honored tradition of Arts and Sciences in Vatavia moves from strength to strength! We look forward to all your works in the coming months.

Yours in service,

Lady Maria and Lord Niall

Arts and Sciences Ministers, Vatavia

FROM THE DEMO COORDINATOR

Greetings Vatavians.

We just finished our *Rainaissance* demo. Many thanks to those who slogged through the Dell to make those guests who also braved the weather feel welcomed. People who walk in the rain are our kind of people.

As Autumn falls around us we once again have additional opportunities to share what we do. At Exploration Place Sunday, October 30th we will have a table with information about masks and materials for guests to make one. The fighters might also be there depending on space availability or the weather. That is the same weekend as our annual participation in Night of the Living Zoo. From October 28th-30th we will be facing the hordes of trick-or-treaters. Traditionally we do candy stations but have also done games, fortune teller booths. I do not and will not ask anyone to do things they are not comfortable with. I have a deadline of October 23rd to let me know if you would like to be involved. As always I would like to know if you are interested. I prefer to get your regrets than to have someone show up and not be on the list for the event.

Then in December we are at Exploration Place again December 18th doing holiday traditions. For those who have been involved with the past book fairs at Barnes and Noble we will be bringing out all those activities. EP is joining us in hosting a holiday fact scavenger hunt. Our performance pieces we have may also be done. Talk to me, Yukiko, Deidre and other members if you are interested in what specifically the activities are. The fighters will be holding winter practice there at that time. Advance sign up is not required for this presentation.

YIS,

Marie Chantel Delair

OFFICERS' MEETING MINUTES

OFFICERS' MEETING | August 3, 2016

Make ICT 1500 East Douglas, Wichita, Kansas

20 were in attendance: 14 Baronage/ officers/deputies and 2 other members participated

Valor plans are being finalized. The swimming pool will be available this year. Volunteers are still needed for Sunday registration shifts. Voice heralds are needed for all the tournaments at this event. There will be a site clean up August 20th starting at 9 am. Equipment and volunteers are needed. The plan is to have Baronial property loaded the

Thursday before the event and delivered to the site with set up Friday. It was requested that the cheesecake donations be delivered on Saturday.

August 6th there is a major demo at Carlsby which has requested members come and participate. Our Museum of World Treasures presentation August 13th sign up deadline is August 6th. The October request for a panel for the Uncon has been withdrawn. The convention has been cancelled. The Great Plains Fall Renaissance Festival in September is being planned. Due to the short notice of the change in Society policy regarding archery fund raiser activities, archery will not be done at the Fall Festival. Sign up sheets will be available in the near future for the pop booth and other areas.

It was announced that electronic publication enables the *Dragonflyre* to do more color artwork. Class handouts can also be published. ØyurikR's device has been forwarded for registration. The Caltrop Pursuivant is looking for a deputy. Arts and sciences classes are currently booked through December and will be listed on the Baronial site calendar. Additional classes other than the second Wednesday can be done. Classes and class descriptions will be cross posted with Make ICT. August 5th there will be a bardic/ Pennsic pity party/ Eleanor remembrance at 7pm at Bardic Champion Jóhann's residence. There will be samples of the feast menu items at this month's populace meeting.

Due to the Chatelaine's incapacitating injury she requests other members keep her informed about new members' and potential members' contact information. The Exchequer reported that the Great Plains Spring Renaissance Festival had above expected pop sales. As a result our gratuity will be larger than the usual donation we have received in the past.

Award recommendations need to be submitted ASAP for awards to be presented to local members at this year's Valor. Largess donations for Their Majesties need to be turned into Their Excellencies. Sooner is preferred.

The meeting adjourned.

OFFICERS' MEETING Make ICT | September 7, 2016 1500 East Douglas, Wichita, KS

18 members were present: 13 Baronage/ officers/ deputies and 2 members participated in the meeting

This month is the Fall Great Plains Renaissance Festival September 24th-25th. Volunteer sign up sheets are available, especially for shifts at the pop booths.

The Seneschal would like to see archery done if it is feasible. Members were asked to bring items for display in the arts and sciences booth which would include information cards to add to the educational aspect of the display. The Fall presentations at Exploration Place are on masks October 30th and Wintertime Traditions December 18th. Night of the Living Zoo is October 28th-30th.

Inquires were made over Valor weekend about the feasibility of Forgotten Sea hosting an outdoor cooking symposium late September 2017 at Whispering Winds. The event steward had been looking for a suitable outdoor site.

Arts and sciences classes are scheduled through January. The Ministers would like to begin scheduling classes for the next calendar year. It was also noted that those instructors now have the option of have their presentation video taped and posted on line. The specific details on the taping and paperwork were given. There was a discussion about how this would apply to actual workshops. The next issue of the *Dragonflyre* be issued October 15th. The deadline for items and Officer letters is October 2nd at noon. Any artwork or illumination is to be in color per Kingdom's request. It was reported that two Vatavians, Darius and Sigurd have had their name proposals registered. Sigurd's shield design was also registered.

The Exchequer plans to have the Valor financial report done by this evening. There is only one outstanding bill to be received from Triple A for the event. It was discussed having the Valor post mortem at populace so any interested members can attend.

It was announced that archery practice would not be held the Sunday September 11th after King's Companie of Archers. Fighter practice continues at 10 am Sundays at O.J. Watson Park. The fighter Marshal would like to hold practice October 9th at Whispering Winds to coincide with the Fall festival planned after the workday on October 8th. Fighter practice will switch to the indoor location, Exploration Place, the beginning of December.

The replacement and repair of Baronial property was brought up. The Archer Marshal noted there were a couple things he noticed at Valor that archery activities could use. These things require funds. Currently the majority of funds made at Ren Festival are being used for

storage rental for Baronial property. Numerous fund raising ideas were mentioned: raffles, auctions, bake sale, production of period type items for sale, local populace feasts, events. Additional suggestions would be appreciated. These should be in writing to the Seneschal and Their Excellencies. It was also requested to have suggestions for a largess project to produce items for presentation to Crown in the Spring. It was also suggested that with the availability of the woodshop at Make ICT everyone has the opportunity to make their own wood chairs.

The property Master position remains open. The Caltrop deputy position is open. It was noted that book heraldry could also use some assistance. The Exchequer is looking for a deputy assistant. He will be stepping down in a year as will the Seneschal. Interested individuals can apply now and have a year to be trained about the office duties for each of these positions.

The meeting adjourned.

OFFICERS' MEETING Make ICT | October 5, 2016

1500 East Douglas, Wichita, KS

20 were in attendance: 13 Baronage/officers/deputies/champions and 1 other member participated in the meeting

October has several events going on. Whispering Winds Camp, the site of this year's Valor, is having a clean up day October 8th with a noon potluck. Volunteers should bring yard equipment to work with. Members are invited to attend the Fall Festival being held at the Camp October 9th. October 21st 7pm Bardic Night will be held at the Bardic Champion's home. October 23rd a fighter practice blowout is being held at OJ Watson Park to celebrate the end of outdoor practice. A tournament and other activities are planned. The evenings of October 28th-30th is the Night of the Living Zoo that Vatavia has helped with for years. There is a deadline of October 23rd to volunteer for this. Plus on October 30th from 1pm – 4pm there is a presentation on masks at Exploration Place which will include having masks for individuals to make.

November 1st is RUSH in Carlsby [Lawrence KS]. Three Vatavians will be presenting classes at the event.

December 10th is Kris Kinder in Forgotten Sea [Kansas City]. December 18th is the Exploration Place presentation on Winter traditions.

Looking to 2017 Vatavia is hosting Crown in April. A feast -o-crat may be needed for this event. Vatavia's bid to host Masters of the Duel July 22nd was accepted. This event will be held at the Andover Community Center where Coronation was held in January. A bid to hold Queen's Prize here at the Scottish Rite Center has been submitted to Kingdom. If the bid is accepted children's activities will need to be organized. An inquiry has been received about a scout fighting demo Sunday February 26th.

Caltrop has filed his third quarter report. There were 4 names and 3 shields registered to Vatavians this last reporting period. A couple new proposals will be sent in the near future. The Web Minister reported on updating officers' and Order of Precedence changes. He requested those using a baronyofvatavia.org address check that forwarding is being done. There have been some issues. The Dragonflyre should be out early in part thanks to officers getting letters in early. The Arts and Sciences Ministers are looking for classes to schedule for 2017. The Census will be distributed once the data has been compiled.

Fighter practice October 9th will be held at Whispering Winds Camp at noon. Regular practice will be Sundays at I Iam at OJ Watson Park. December practice will move indoors to Exploration Place and then start at noon. Archery practice continues outside at OJ Watson Park until December, weather permitting.

The Exchequer sent his report to the meeting. A balance was reported of approximately \$10,200; the exact figure will be available once the third quarter bank statement is received. The Exchequer is looking for a Property Master who will be responsible for maintaining the list of the inventory and the locations of Baronial Property.

The Seneschal thanked all who helped at the Fall Ren fair especially those who manned pop booths, fought and filled in later at other areas, and packed up all the Baronial property in the Dell into the truck. Although attendance was drastically reduced due to the weather, he considered our presentation a success. Officers' reports are due October 15th. Turning reports in late that evening is unacceptable since the Seneschal report is due the 15th and will not be done at the last minute. Those not having a report in will be brought to the attention of their Kingdom or regional officer.

Several officers could benefit from a deputy to assist them. It is also an opportunity for others to help the group, learn about the interest the officer deals with, and the operation of an office. It does not mean that person is the next officer; it is not mandatory. Caltrop, Gerfalcon and the Exchequer have positions available. The Seneschal would like to have another deputy to take over some of compiling paperwork and reports.

Their Excellencies would like to meet with Their Champions at the November Populace Meeting to discuss the Champions' event. January 18th Populace is the deadline for bids for Valor 38. March 15th is the deadline for Spring Ren fair ideas, organization suggestions, activities, layouts, etc.

When the new Earl Marshal steps up at Kris Kinder, three marshal deputy positions will need to be filled. One is the West Region Deputy which includes Vatavia. Vatavian authorized marshals were asked to consider applying.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

FROM THE EXCHEQUER

Good Day to all,

Here is where The Barony sits on available monies at the end of 3rd quarter. We currently have a little over 10,200.00 in the bank. I will have the exact amount as soon as I get the 3rd quarter statement from the bank.

Along with this report will be the financial report from Valor XXXVII 2016. Please feel free to look at it and see where we ended up for the event which was on the plus side. If you have any questions, please feel free to send me any questions you may have on how I filled out the report.

I am still looking for one more deputy to help with the management of the Baronial property. It consists on where all the property is at in the Barony. Pretty easy just need to manage the inventory and if anything, needs fixed or replaced by letting their excellencies, the Exchequer and the Seneschal know.

YIS

Lord Robert the Scot



KINGDOM OF CALONTIR

EVENT FINANCIAL REPORT



Group Name: Barony of Vatavia

Report Date: 9/10/2016

Event Name: Valor XXXVII 2016

Event Date: 2-5 Sept 16
(due within 30 days of event)

INCOME (Event proceeds only - do not include fund raising activities at event):

	(A) #Prepaid	(B) # At Door	(C) Prepaid \$	(D) At Door \$	(AxC) + (BxD) Total
Site Fee (Members)		188	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$2,820.00
Site Fee (Non-Members)		35	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$525.00
Comped Adults		2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Site Fee (Minor/age 6 - 17)		25	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$125.00
Site Fee (Minor/age 0 - 5)		0			\$0.00
Minors age and under			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Feast Fee - Adult		46		\$10.00	\$460.00
Feast Fee - Child		4		\$10.00	\$40.00
Inn					\$740.60
Other Fees (Merchant, Camping)					
Non-Member Surcharge (auto)	0	35	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$175.00
GROSS INCOME:					\$4,885.60

Gate forms must be copied and originals sent to the waiver secretary within 2 weeks of event.

REFUNDS (Event proceeds refunded to payer):

TOTAL REFUNDS:

ACTUAL INCOME: \$4,885.60

EXPENSES (AR, not OA or FR):

- Advertising - Non-SCA (Itemize)
- Equipment Rental and Maintenance
- Fees and Honoraria (Itemize)
- Food (incl. inn, feast)
- General supplies (incl. tokens, prizes, decorations)
- Insurance - Non-SCA (Itemize)
- Occupancy/Site Charges (subtract refunded deposits)
- Postage, Shipping, PO Box rental
- Printing and Publications
- Telephone
- Travel (gas, tolls, airfare)
- Other Expenses (Itemize)

Amount:	Itemized items:
\$0.00	
\$758.30	advertising-Non SCA
\$0.00	advertising-Non SCA
\$706.57	fees and honoraria
\$393.23	fees and honoraria
\$0.00	fees and honoraria
\$2,000.00	insurance - Non SCA
	insurance - Non SCA
	Other Expenses
	Other Expenses
	Other Expenses
\$0.00	Other Expenses

EXPENSES SUB-TOTAL: \$3,858.10

TRANSFERS:

- To SCA, Inc.-Calontir, for NMS (In Kingdom transfer)
- To SCA, Inc., for Site/Equestrian Ins. (Out of Kingdom)

due within 2 weeks of event

TRANSFERS SUB-TOTAL: \$175.00

EVENT PROFIT (Income-Expenses-Transfers): \$852.50

TRANSFERS (Does not include money from fund raisers):

- To SCA, Inc.-Calontir for donations
- To SCA, Inc.-[other groups] (Itemize)

	transfers to other groups
\$0.00	transfers to other groups

FINAL GROUP PROFIT: \$852.50

Event Steward: _____

Exchequer: _____

THEIR MAJESTIES CALONTIR

King Duncan Bruce of Logan & Queen Ylva Jonsdottir

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THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES

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UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

••• October •••

- 15 Vertigo | Lost Moor (St. Joseph, MO)
- 22-23 Golden Thimble/Regional Fighter Practice
Coeur d'Ennui & Axed Root (Des Moines, IA)
- 22-23 Horses and Heroes | Grimfells (Fayetteville, AR)

••• November •••

- 5-6 RUSH Event | Carlsby (Lawrence, KS)
- 12-13 Known World Fiber Arts Symposium
Axed Root (Ames, IA)
- 19-20 Toys for Tots | Wyvern Cliffe
(Jefferson City, MO)

•••December •••

- 3-4 Winter Court | Three Rivers (St. Louis, MO)
- 10-11 Kris Kinder | Forgotten Sea (Kansas City, MO)

•••January •••

- 7-8 Twelfth Night | Lonely Tower (Omaha, NE)
- 14-15 Winter Coronation | 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, II-2 | O.J. Watson Park, 3022 S McLean Boulevard, Wichita, KS 67217 | For more information, contact:
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Archery Practice **Sundays, II-2** | O.J. Watson Park, 3022 S McLean Boulevard, Wichita, KS 67217 | For more information, contact: Konrad von Roth
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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

SCA WEBSITES OF INTEREST

www.sca.org | www.calontir.org |
www.baronyofvatavia.org

TO GET A COPY OF THE

KNOWN WORLD HANDBOOK

Contact His Lordship Friar Thomas

316-685-1182

Handbooks are \$23.00



Harvest Time

by his Lordship Johann Steinarsson

As emerald leaves upon the trees their tincture start to shed,
Exposing to a wand'ring eye the hues of flaming red,
So too do blackbirds leave their perch in search of warmer climes,
And all do feel the chilling air that beckons Harvest Time.

A figure stands upon the hill, his eyes do scour the land.
'Tis many a crop to be brought in with weathered, gnarled hands,
And as the days grow shorter now, he knows he must work fast.
This is not his first harvest, and it shall not be his last.

Through many days the fields have stood the test of rain and sun,
And what was sown so long ago has either come undone,
Been washed away on unseen tides or dried into a shell,
Or managed to take root, grow strong, and bear fine fruit as well.

The wind now carries rich aroma, crisp and sweet, the sign
Of apples, ripe upon the tree, mixed with the smell of pine
And pumpkins, too, and cinnamon, and in the fields beyond,
The waving heads of ripened wheat, a sea of golden blond.

But these hold not the interest of the figure on the hill.
Not for this man the sheaves of wheat, to cart off to the mill,
No fields of corn, nor apple cider mulling by the fire,
Not one of these shall ever hold this harvester's desire.

For there is but another crop which carries great demand,
A timeless sort of harvest most familiar to his hand.
And now he turns and casts an eye to other, darker fields...
The ones oft scarce of winter wheat, yet filled with swords and shields.

An echo on the wind now brings the dreaded warhorn's cry,
The distant shouts of armored men who dare to fight and die.
And further still, the silent tears for children fallen ill,
And aged parents, strength long gone, their voices thin and shrill.

The shadows spill across the land, the chill is in the air,
A man in black upon the hill beholds the scene with care,
And as the darkness gathers with the sounds of battle's din,
The Reaper's scythe is readied... and the Harvesting begins.

The Friar's Corner



The Harvest of Souls by His Lordship Friar Thomas Bacon

The plague of 1348 was one of the most traumatic events of European history. Only World War I was comparable in its effects. In the estimation of some, it marks the beginning of the transformation to Modern Europe and the end of the Medieval culture. It has become mythic and iconic as a standard for disaster. This is one of the few motifs of the Middle Ages remembered by the population at large.

This plague is commonly referred to as the Black Death, but the term was coined in the 17th century and comes from the alternative translation of the Latin term “atra mors”. The word “atra” could be translated as terrible, dreadful, or black. Contemporary chroniclers of the event used the terms “great pestilence”, “the mortality”, “the pestilence time”, “the great destruction”, or simply “the plague”.

It is now known that the plague was caused by the bacillus “yersinia pestis”. This bacterium normally lives in the blood of various rodents throughout the world. It is transmitted from animal to animal through the bite of fleas, much like malaria and mosquitoes. Generally the species of flea infecting rodents do not bite humans, but only when the rodent population has crashed and there is no other source of substance.

Traditionally the plague was thought to come in three forms. In reality it was the same bacterium infecting three different parts of the body. One was the lymph system. If the bacteria get into the lymph nodes it will form boils or buboes, hence the name bubonic plague. Usually only one bubo of varying size will form, its location dependant on where the bacterium entered. Should the bubo drain, the victim will usually live, making this the most survivable form of the plague, only 60% mortality.

The second place the bacterium could end up is in the lungs, making it pneumonic plague. This is the most infectious form of the plague as the victim coughs up bacillus for up to three days before dying. Though there is a small chance of surviving. But there is no change if the bacillus gets into the blood, or Septicemia plague. It is the fastest form, capable of literally killing overnight.

The 1348 plague was not the first in European history. In the Bible it hit the Philistines circa 1000 BC. Athens was struck in 430 BC. In 541 CE the Byzantine Empire was weakened by the Justinian plague. The last one was widespread enough to be called a pandemic. There were other lesser outbreaks.

The reason the 1348 plague hit so hard was that it was the last of a series of calamities hitting Europe. For the previous two centuries the population had been growing, to a level that would not be seen again until the latter half of the 19th century. And marginal land had been pushed into production. But starting a little before 1300, harvests began to fail for various reasons. Too little or too much rain, the weather turned cold. Economic recession further reduced available resources. So the plague arrived to a population that was depressed and malnourished.

To the medieval population, the plague was God's punishment for their sinfulness or the result of an ill-fortune planetary alignment. Having no concept of germs, the disease was propagated by bad air (though air filled with plague bacilli certainly qualifies as bad air). That victims gave off malodorous smells did not help. The long nosed masks that are often used to illustrate the plague were filled with aromatic herbs to ward off the miasma that brought the plague.

The plague would return regularly until after 1700. While these later outbreaks were more regional in scope, they were only a little less deadly killing up to 20% of the population as opposed to the 50% of the 1348 outbreak. It was during one of the later outbreaks that prompted Isaac Newton to go out into the country where he had time to contemplate gravity, motion, and calculus.

The effects of the plague were far reaching. Whole villages would disappear from the loss of population. Those not killed would wander the countryside unmoored from the old medieval social structures. The loss of labor sent wages skyrocketing, and many laws were passed in an attempt to combat these last two effects. These efforts, in turn, fueled the peasant revolts that occurred at the end of the 14th century.

Similarly, the reduction of population led to a concentration of wealth, particularly among those who now labeled middle class. This allowed them to better emulate the fashions and lifestyles of the nobility. The reaction was a series of sumptuary laws to reinforce the old class distinctions. That they had limited effect can be seen that they were continually renewed up through the 17th century.

Among the social reactions were the Flagellants. This was a movement, most prominent in Germany, where a group of people would wander around the countryside, preaching about the sinfulness of the world, and scourging themselves to expunge that sin. At the opposite end were those indulged in "eat, drink, and be merry" in excess. Needless to say, both movements died from their excesses. The French motif "Danse Macabre" (Dance of Death) became another popular reaction to the plague.

Nor was the church spared. While there is no evidence that the clergy died in greater numbers than the general population, their ranks were still depleted. The catastrophe that was the plague called into question the authority of the church to prevent such things. This prompted the laity to be interested what the Bible actually said. This interest would lead to the Protestant Reformation.

There was not a part of medieval life that was not touched in some way by the plague. Medicine, philosophy, economics, politics were all altered by the experience. New ways of thinking were created to help process what had been unimaginable. Today's world would be much different had it not happen.

Why the plague ceased to be a major factor of death in Europe after 1750 is a matter of some debate. A different strain of the bacteria became predominant, a mutation in the human immune system gave better immunity, and changes in sanitation and lifestyle have all been put forward. And while the plague has receded from general awareness, it is still out there, still lethal, and still could cause a pandemic.

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