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## KINGDOM OF CALONTIR EVENT CALENDAR



For additional events please consult

“The Mews” or [www.calontir.org](http://www.calontir.org)

### May 2012 (A.S. XIVII)

05-06	Kingdom A & S	Heraldshill	Charles City, IA
12-13	Crown Tournament	No Mountain	Grinnell, IA
19-20	Melees & Mayhem	Crescent Moon	Topeka, KS
19-20	Event	Deodar	Cedar Rapids, IA
26-27	Tournament of Falcons	Forgotten Sea	Lathrop, MO

### June 2012 (A.S. XIVII)

09-10	Lilies War	Lilies Site	Smithville, MO
16-17	Lilies War	Lilies Site	Smithville, MO
23-24	<a href="#">Known World Music and Dance Symposium 9</a>	The Middle Marches Midrealm	Columbus, OH
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**Vlajkonos (Banner Bearer):** Thorbjorn Hrafnasson, Wybjorn Trysson

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## Interest Gatherings

### Arts and Sciences Gathering

*1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7-9 pm at MACC*

For more information, contact Lady Sorcha, 316-737-3330

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*1st and 3rd Sundays , 1pm to 4pm as MACC*

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### Archery Practice

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Diamond Archery 926 W. Harry, Wichita

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### Fighter Practice/Monday Gathering

*Sundays, S. Linwood Park starting at 11:00a. We will continue to do a once a month appearance at the Exploration Place the last Sunday of the month.*

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**Bardic** -Second Thursday of each month at 240 N. Quentin starting at 7 p.m. contact Lord Johann for more info 316-440-6743

### European Dance -

*Sundays, 4Pm , Riverside Park and MACC 2nd and 4th Wednesdays*

7:30 PM Contact Baron Donald McDonald 316-371-9566

### Officers/Finance Meetings-

*First Wednesday of the month Open to the general populace 7pm to 9pm*

\*Location : MACC

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**\*\*MACC = Martinson Avenue Christian Church 1653 S. Martinson Ave**

**\* Populace : Alford Branch Library, 3447 So. Meridian, Wichita**

## Birthdays continued .....

That is not to say nothing has change, for much has changed, much has remained the same. Armour has become more realistic and safer. Garb better reflects the fashions of that long ago time. And we have a finer understanding of how they practiced their crafts. Yet the structure and flow of events remain largely unchanged as does the pageantry. And all the changes in faces, inter-personal dynamics are universal.

What the coming years have for the Society is hidden from sight. But having survived the tumultuous years of its youth, there is no reason not to believe that the Society will last as long as there are people interested in history. For that is what ultimately attracts and holds people to the Society. Birthdays are celebrations of the achievements of the past year. But they should be also a time of reflection of what is to be achieved. They are milestones of how far we have come, and how far we have to go. Forty years of existence is a remarkable achievement of any operation, as most die within five years. Here's to the next decades of the Society!



## From the Baronage

Unto the populace of Vatavia, Greetings from Their Excellencies,

Happy Spring to all who read this missive! We are delighted that the SCA "season" is again upon us with its tough decisions as to what event to attend! We are even more delighted that it was not 110 degrees at Champi- ons and welcome our newest champions Uldin Vatavia, William Alban Douglas, Johann Steinarsson, Elizabeth Anne Draper (Known As Heidi), Thorbjorn Hrafnasson and Wybjorn Trysson. We are honored to be repre- sented by such fine gentiles. Being a champion means you represent the barony, and we hope these good lords and ladies will enter many competi- tions throughout Calontir in the coming year.

Thanks to all of you who worked at the spring Renaissance Faire. We do ask that this burden not fall upon our dutiful officers in the fall- if you are interested in running the fall Faire, please let us and Lady Catlin know as soon as possible. It is a great chance to "get your feet wet" in autocrating.

The budget for 2012 has been written. The plan is for Vatavia to spend about \$2,000 less than we did last year. By doing so, we will be able to save money to recover financially from the hit of the settlement check. It's important that our group have enough cash on hand to insulate us from hardships.

Finally, our deepest and most sincere thanks to all those who helped in the recent property-moving extravaganza. We know it was hard work for all involved, and we are truly grateful to Lady Yukiko for offering her space to store the baronial property. In a month or so we will be moving the property to its new home, and we encourage all officers to attend. We'd like to go through the things and determine what needs to be replaced at that time.

In service,  
HL Donald Macdonald, Baron  
Ly Zoe (Chrysoloraina) Mikre, Baronessa

## Officers' Meeting

OFFICERS' MEETING April 4, 2012, Martinson Avenue Christian Church, Wichita, Ks

12 members attended: 9 officers/deputies/champions; 1 event steward; 2 members of the populace (1 a child)

It was announced that Coronation January 2013 will be held in Vatavia. The Champions' event is April 7<sup>th</sup> near Leon Kansas. The Spring Renaissance Festival plans are being finalized by the Officers' corps. A deputy for water bearing is still needed. Pavilions and shade flies are being arranged.

Subjects for the next two monthly Arts and Sciences demos at Exploration Place have been set. These demos coincide with the fourth Sunday fighter practice being held there. There will be no demo in June due to the Highland Games and Celtic Festival that same weekend. Suggestions for other themes are requested; some ideas were discussed.

One Vativian heraldic proposal has been sent on to Laurel at national. The Minister of Youth, Lady Ida, sent a request that event stewards contact her regarding children's activities. She also has received some of that office's totes and is sorting through things. BUSH class for April 25<sup>th</sup> is Lord Briant doing inkle loom weaving. May 23<sup>rd</sup> Lady Murasaki will present, 'Seven Ways to Torture your Enemy'.

Details for cash advances for upcoming local events were finalized. The annual budget for 2012 has been done. It was noted that this budget is \$2000 less than the previous year's. Major projects have been pending to next year. The donation check to Vatavia for doing the pop booth concession last Fall has been sent but not yet received.

The Baronial property has been moved to a temporary location until the permanent location is available. A box of extra *Dragonflyes* dating from 1996 was found during the move. Those issues not needed for the historical archives will be made available to the populace.

There will be no official, formal archery practice on April 8<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday.

Officers were reminded that quarterly reports are due April 15<sup>th</sup>. It was noted some already had their reports in. Copies are required by the Seneschal for her report. The Exchequer's office reported the difficulty of getting the bank statement in time to meet the deadline. Kingdom has a specific way such situations are handled.

The meeting adjourned.

Twenty years ago there was a great celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Society. At that time the founders expressed their amazement over the growth and endurance of their little get togethers. One can only imagine their astonishment now.

Not that there has not been difficulties along the way. There was also a great debate twenty years ago over the direction of the Society. Over the relative importance of fighting and the arts. Over the award structures. Over the role the legal corporation, the independence of kingdoms. Even the size of kingdoms. Many groups have wrecked on similar shoals, yet the Society managed to navigate pass them because those in charge had the wisdom not to over react.

Also on May 1st, we celebrate the 27th anniversary of the founding of Vatavia. (The application for group status is actually dated May 15, while the initial organizing meetings occurred in April, May 1st just nicely coincides with the Society's birthday.) And it was 25 years ago this past February that Vatavia was declared a barony. And just as the founders of the Society were amazed over the growth of their creation, so have been the founders of Vatavia.

Vatavia has had its own ups and downs, but has also endured. Few are the faces of a quarter of a century ago are seen today, yet the traditions remain. There are those who would casually toss those traditions, and those who would fiercely hold on to them, both miss the point. Traditions are what connect us to the past, but they should be allowed to strangle the group. And while it may not seem that way to those who follow, there are always reasons why traditions were started. While conditions change and those reasons may no longer be valid, it is foolhardy to assume that is the case. We must always remember that the central conceit of the Society is to relive the past, and traditions are what make the past live.



## Birthdays

by [His Lordship Friar Thomas Bacon](#) (David Moreno)

Originally published in the March 2006, A.S. XLI issue of the Dragonflyre, a publication of the Barony of Vatavia.

This year, on May 1st, we celebrate the 40th (now 47th) anniversary of the founding of the Society of Creative Anachronism. What had started as an end of the academic year going away party has blossomed into an international sport/hobby involving tens of thousands. Named on a whim to satisfy a bureaucratic requirement, the SCA has become the most widespread organization involved in medieval studies.

The SCA did not invent historical recreation. During the High Middle Ages knights would gather in tournaments called Arthurian Roundtables to recreate their ideas of Arthurian times. In 1839 an English Earl staged his own version of a tournament. Several more would be staged in Europe before the First World War. Since 1866 Maryland has held a form of jousting tournament. In 1962 it came the state sport.

Nor is the SCA the only recreationist group as there are groups doing the same thing for the mountain man era, the Civil War, the Wild West, and more recently, the Second World War. Nor is it the only group dealing with the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. Nor is it the most authentic.

What sets the SCA apart is its ability to meld together various paradoxes. It promotes the values and ideals of an earlier age, yet tolerates lifestyles that would have horrified the original practitioners of those values and ideals. Its participants have a strong strain of disdain of authority and convention, yet work within the most authoritative framework. It gives its highest awards for historical authenticity, yet routinely overlooks intrusions of the 21st century. It has Vikings fighting Samurai in 15th century styled tournaments.

What makes it work is the general willingness to allow each to get out of the game what they want. There is no high bar that people must meet to play. People contribute what they can however little or much that may be.

## A & S Minister

With the end of the first quarter here, I have finalized my report and sent it to Kingdom.

Also in looking for a deputy I have asked Lady Saki and she has accepted (sorry Saki no getting out of it now). When I cannot make it to a meeting, she will be giving my reports.

### Up coming classes:

March 25: Inkle and Card/Tablet weaving by Ld Brient McQuane

May 23: 7 Dungeons of Lady Murasaki (need I say more)

I do have classes scheduled through July, but would like to have classes lined up till the end of the year. So if there is anything you would like to teach let me know.

In humble service,  
Lord Brient McQuane MAoS



## From the Bardic Champion

Good gentles all,

I am deeply honored to serve Vatavia as the new Bardic Champion. The Bardic Arts, as many of you may know, are near and dear to me, and it is my intention to not only represent the Barony at a Kingdom level, but also to encourage and nurture members of our Populace who want to try their hand at being a bard. To this end, I will be resuming Bardic Night once every month at my house, and anybody is welcome to stop by and join in.

Bardic Night will be the second Thursday of each month, starting on May 11th. My house is at 240 N. Quentin, in the College Hill neighborhood, and my door will be open at 7 PM and stay open until at least 10:30. And it won't just be sitting around the living room and singing standards from the Calontir Songbook (although we will be doing that for anybody who wants to learn or refresh their memories). I'm hoping to have storytelling exercises, improvisation games, and even the occasional movie night. Most importantly, this will be a monthly venue for aspiring bards to get together, socialize, and share old favorites.

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Bardic Night, and I'm hoping this will be the beginning of a new wave of Vativian bards!

In service to story and song,

Ld. Johann Steinarsson, Bardic Champion (Zevack)



The College of No Mountain  
May 11, 12, 13 Poweshiek County Fairgrounds  
425 East Street S., Grinnell, Iowa 50112

The College of No Mountain invites you to witness the noble warriors of Calontir as they bear arms for their consorts to earn the Coronet of our great kingdom.

Site opens Friday, May 11 5:00 pm Site closes Sunday, May 13, Noon

#### Site Fees:

\$10 for adults

\$5 for 13-17 years

Free for children 12 and under

Family cap of \$30

Make checks payable to: SCA, Inc, College of No Mountain

Feast Fees: \$10 per person (100 seats available) \$4 separate children's menu

Camping: Free! \$18 per night for electrical use

#### A & S Activities:

Largesse competition

Ministry of Youth A&S Adult Competition

There will be an Inn on site.

Post revel by The Broken Harp

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# Kingdom A&S Championship and Tri-Levels May 05-06

Site: \$5 for adults (plus \$5 non-member surcharge), children 18 and under free

Camping/Bunkhouse: no fee except \$10/night if RV electrical hook-up

Inn: free will donations

Merchants: no additional merchant fee  
*Checks payable to "SCA, Inc - Shire of Heraldshill"*

**No Pre-Registration.**

Other amenities will include an on-site Inn for breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Site is damp.

Floyd County Fairgrounds  
2516 7 Mile Road (Highway 14)  
Charles City, IA 50616

[MapQuest Map](#)

Take your best route to Charles City on Highway 27 (the Avenue of the Saints). Head for the windmills.

From either direction on Highway 27, get off at exit 214 and turn left/west onto Highway 14 (aka 7 Mile Road).

Drive 1/3 mile. Site is at the bottom of the hill on the left/south.

In addition to the usual table-based A&S display space, there is a [kitchenette](#) for cooking entries, facilities for armored combat (Bring-Your-Own-Fighter-Marshal), [equestrian activities](#), and siege weapons.

There is free primitive camping and a "bunkhouse" for those who do not want pack a tent or stay in a hotel.

## From the A & S Champion

Dear Vataivians,

As your new A&S Champion, I hope to represent the Barony well in the next year.

I have several projects going at this time and will be entering a variety of items in different A&S competitions around the kingdom.

It is my intention to enter my Mead and Wine at Lilies and to enter my Houska at Queen's Prize. I am also starting on a long-term project for the From the Ground Up competition. I have obtained wheat seed and plan to grow my own wheat. Robert and I will grind some of it for bread and use some of it for a period wheat beer. These will be entered in 1 ½ to 2 years from now, depending on how long it takes for the wheat to mature.

I have also started working on an Inkle Loom and may enter one of these projects, if a chance to do so occurs.

I hope that my willingness to experiment, do a multitude of things, and risk failure encourages others to try new things. I am always willing to help in any way I can, even if it is just as a sounding board for your ideas. I couldn't have done what I have accomplished without others of the Barony doing the same for me.

Thank you for your support and appreciation of my efforts,

Elizabeth Anne Draper



# May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fighter and archery practice continue at the noted locations while the temp is warm enough. <b><u>This usually means 40+ degrees with</u></b>		1	2 <i>Officers Meeting</i> <i>7p.m at MACC</i>	3	4	5
6 <i>Archery Practice</i> **10—1PM <i>Fighter Practice</i> 11AM Linwood Pk <i>European Dance</i> 4PM Riverside Pk	7	8	9 A&S <i>European Dance</i> <i>Bardic</i> <i>7Pm at MACC**</i>	10	11	12 <i>DF submission deadline</i> <i>at NOON</i>
13 <i>Archery Practice</i> **10—1PM <i>Fighter Practice</i> 11AM Linwood Pk <i>European Dance</i> 4PM Riverside Pk	14	15	16 *Populace 7PM <i>Alford Branch Library</i> 3447 S. Meridian <i>Wichita, Ks</i>	17	18	19
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