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FROM THE BARONAGE

Unto the populace of Vatavia, Greetings from Their Excellencies,

We join the rest of Calontir in welcoming our new king and queen to the throne! Vivat King Martino and Queen Ariel! Long may they reign!

Are you excited for Kingdom A&S? It's coming to Vatavia for the first time in a long time; congratulations to Lady Lucia on her successful bid! We hope to see everyone there, either entering, helping, or just soaking up the A&S goodness. We have heard of some entries in progress and are very excited to see the finished pieces.

Officers, do you have a deputy? Non-officers, have you ever thought "I would love to do _____, but I don't know how/have the time?"

Being a deputy is a great way to learn a position on a part-time basis. Deputies help out with the officer's duties. They also step up on a short term basis if life happens to the officer. So, if you have a dream SCA "job," talk to the person who has it now!

We are honored to serve as your baronage.

In service,
His Lordship Donald Macdonald, Baron
Lady Zoe Mikre, Baronessa



FROM THE CALTROP PURSUIVANT

Fellow Vatavians,

The New Year has gotten off to a good start, with two acceptances coming in at National level - Michael Sean MacGee, and the Barony's own Order of Saint Hilarius have both been approved on all their submissions. Decisions on our other submissions are not due for another month or two, with the notifications to follow some time afterward.

With this in mind, if any of you have an idea for a personal device, or a name change, or anything to do with who you are in the Barony, now is a good time to get together with the Caltrop staff and do a consultation! Feel free to talk to myself, HE Marie Chantal, or Lord Karl if you have a question on a name or heraldic device, and we'll do what we can to point you in the right direction.

Also, by the time you read these words, the Falcon Crown will have passed to Their Majesties Martino and Ariel. Let us all join together in welcoming them and looking forward to the many events that are coming up in the next few months. Gulf Wars, of course, is on the horizon, but immediately afterward is Kingdom A&S, right here in our own yard, so let's do what we can to pull out all the stops and produce a great event for all the Falcon Host!

In Service,
Johann Steinarsson
Caltrop Pursuivant

FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings Vatavia!

Exciting times are once again here. We have new Majesties upon the Falcon Thrones. Winter War Maneuvers is just around the corner to prepare our warriors for the wars that are just around the corner. We are holding Kingdom Arts & Sciences, for the first time since I have lived in The Lands That Burn. Our Champions are working together to prepare competitions for their replacements. Finally there are two officers positions are vacant. Excitement and change...and who said the winter months were boring?

Yes Vatavia, the offices of Chronicler and Chatelaine are both open and looking for applicants. I do have some exciting news, however. After some discussion with others, we are going to be changing the format of our newsletter. Starting in April, it will become a quarterly newsletter. That's right, the incoming Chronicler will only need to do four newsletters a year. Just as the other officers only have four reports a year. According to dependable sources, the newsletter takes between three to four hours to put together. That would mean sixteen hours a year to do the whole years worth. Please consider stepping into this position. The newsletter is an important part of what we do. It keeps us up to date with what is going on, when it is going on, and where it is going on. You don't have to come up with things to fill it. That is on the officer corp, the baronage, and the populace. Have some ideas on how to improve the newsletters? Take this office and make them your own. If this even sounds the least bit interesting, or you are just tired of reading this each month, apply today. We have help for you—all we need, is you.

As mentioned above, the office of Chatelaine is also now open. Lady Lucia has done a fabulous job over the last two and a half years, but the time has come for her to move on to new things. Do you like people? Do you have knowledge that you are just itching to pass along to that new, bright, shining face in Vatavia? This position is for you. Do not worry if you do not know "everything" there is to know about "everything". You simply need to know who knows stuff about things. In other words, if we have someone interested in Arts and Sciences, you can take them over to Lady Mor, our Arts and Sciences Minister, and get them talking. A potential new fighter, well, Lord Corrigan is always around to lead new fighters to the field. The true requirements for this job are a smile and a can-do attitude. As always, I and others will be around to help you in any way we can. So please consider applying for this position.

A final reminder, all bids for Valor XXXV need to be in by February Officers' meeting. I've heard of two potential bids. However, the more, the merrier.

Finally, I just want everyone to be aware that my door, or bandwidth is always open. Do you have a problem, question, or concern? You can email me, harness.andrew@gmail.com. Don't like the internet? Feel free to call 316-847-1345. Don't have a phone? I attend as many meetings as I possibly can. So please, don't feel like You aren't being heard. My ears are open and I will do everything I can to help in any way that I can.

In Service,
Ottarr Surtson

OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2014 - Martinson Avenue Christian Church, Wichita, KS

12 members attended: 11 Baronage/officers/deputies/champions;
1 member of the populace

Planning for the Kingdom Arts and Sciences event to be held in Vatavia continues. Details on scheduling are being made. The closing site time was determined. Questions regarding the competitions and responsibilities of the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion were discussed.

January 26th there will be a presentation on the Bardic Arts at Exploration Place.

There will be no BUSH class the month of March due to Gulf Wars. Classes are scheduled currently through July. Michael Sean MacGee's name and device and the Baronial Order of Saint Hilarius and its badge have been registered.

With the change of Seneschal the bank signature card will need to be updated. Budget for this year will be done next month. Members need to get requests turned in to aid in that planning. Expenditures were mentioned for shade flies and storage for the new rolls of arms.

Fighter practice continues at Exploration Place, weather conditions and road conditions permitting. Several new fighters continue to attend. Loaner armor repair continues. Cut and Trust practice is officially the third Sunday of the month. Unofficial practice will be held if interested fighters attend the other Sundays.

Archery Practice indoors is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month. Other Sundays will schedule get-togethers to work on archery projects.

Officers' quarterly reports are due next Wednesday. It was reported that the Exchequer's report has been changed to a cumulative format. The fourth quarter for that office will now also be that office's Domesday report. It was clarified that the required officers for local group status are Seneschal, Exchequer, Chronicle & Knight Marshal.

Currently the office of Chronicler is temporarily being filled by the Knight Marshal and Arts and Sciences Minister. Interested members are encouraged to apply. The office requires 3-4 hours once a month only producing the Dragonflyre-. The publications are the quarterly reports. It was suggested that possibly publication could be changed to quarterly only.

The Chatelaine is a deputy position of the Seneschal. The current officer would like to step down. Interested members should turn letters in to Their Excellencies, the Seneschal and Lady Lucia.

Bids for the Spring Renaissance Festival April 12th- 13th are requested. Members interested in being event steward for our Kingdom event Valor, Labor Day weekend, need to get bids in. At this time only general plans, no details are needed. This is in order to handle securing contracts in a timely fashion.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

INTEREST GATHERINGS

Populace Meeting

Third Wednesday, 7 pm to 9 pm
VFW Post 112, 1560 South Topeka Street, Wichita, KS 67211

Arts and Sciences Gathering

1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7-9 pm at MACC*
For more information, contact: Lady Mor Hoistlair
shstrickland21@gmail.com

Fighter Practice

Indoor Winter Practice - Sundays, 12 Noon at
Exploration Place, 300 N. McLean, Wichita, KS
For more information, contact: Lord Corrigan
mackenziefyrd@gmail.com | 316-734-1569

Archery Practice

During the winter practice will be held on Sundays at
Diamond Archery, from 12 PM-2 PM, 926 West Harry, Wichita, KS.
For more information, contact: Lord William Douglas
jdrago75@gmail.com | 316-259-6304

Officers/Finance Meetings

First Wednesday of the month at MACC*.
Open to the general populace, 7 pm to 9 pm

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

KINGDOM EVENTS

February 1: Clothier's Seminar | Cúm An Iolair (S. Johnson Co., KS)
February 15: Chieftains | Three Rivers (St. Louis, MO)
February 25-March 3: Estrella War XXX | Kingdom of Atenveldt

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March 8-16: Gulf Wars XXIII | Kingdom of Gleann Abhann
March 22: Kingdom A&S | Vatavia (Wichita, KS)
March 29: Spring Crown | Wyvern Cliffe (Jefferson City, MO)

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April 5: Spring Spears | Calanais Nuadh (Rolla, MO)
April 12: Ceilidh | Dun Ard (Leavenworth, KS)
April 19: War College | Amlesmore (Hallsville, MO)
April 26: Melon Wars | Flinthyl (Burlington, IA)
April 26: Unslung Heroes III | Aston Tor (E. Jackson County, MO)

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King Martino & Queen Ariel | falcon-crown@calontir.info

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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CLOTHIER'S
SEMINAR
Shire of
Cúm An Iolair

2
Archery Practice
12-2 PM
Diamond Archery
Fighter Practice
12 Noon-3 PM
Exploration Place

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5
Officers Meeting
and A&S Meeting
7 PM at Martinson
Avenue Christian
Church
1653 S. Martinson
Avenue

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9
Archery Practice
12-2 PM
Diamond Archery
Fighter Practice
12 Noon-3 PM
Exploration Place

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A&S Meeting
7 PM at Martinson
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1653 S. Martinson
Avenue

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CHIEFTAINS
Barony of
Three Rivers

16
Archery Practice
12-2 PM
Diamond Archery
Fighter Practice
12 Noon-3 PM
Exploration Place

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Populace Meeting
7 PM at
VFW Post 112
1560 S. Topeka St.

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Archery Practice
12-2 PM
Diamond Archery
Fighter Practice
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Exploration Place

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ESTRELLA
WAR XXX
Kingdom of
Atenveldt
(Feb. 25-March 3)

26
A&S Meeting
7 PM at Martinson
Avenue Christian
Church
1653 S. Martinson
Avenue

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