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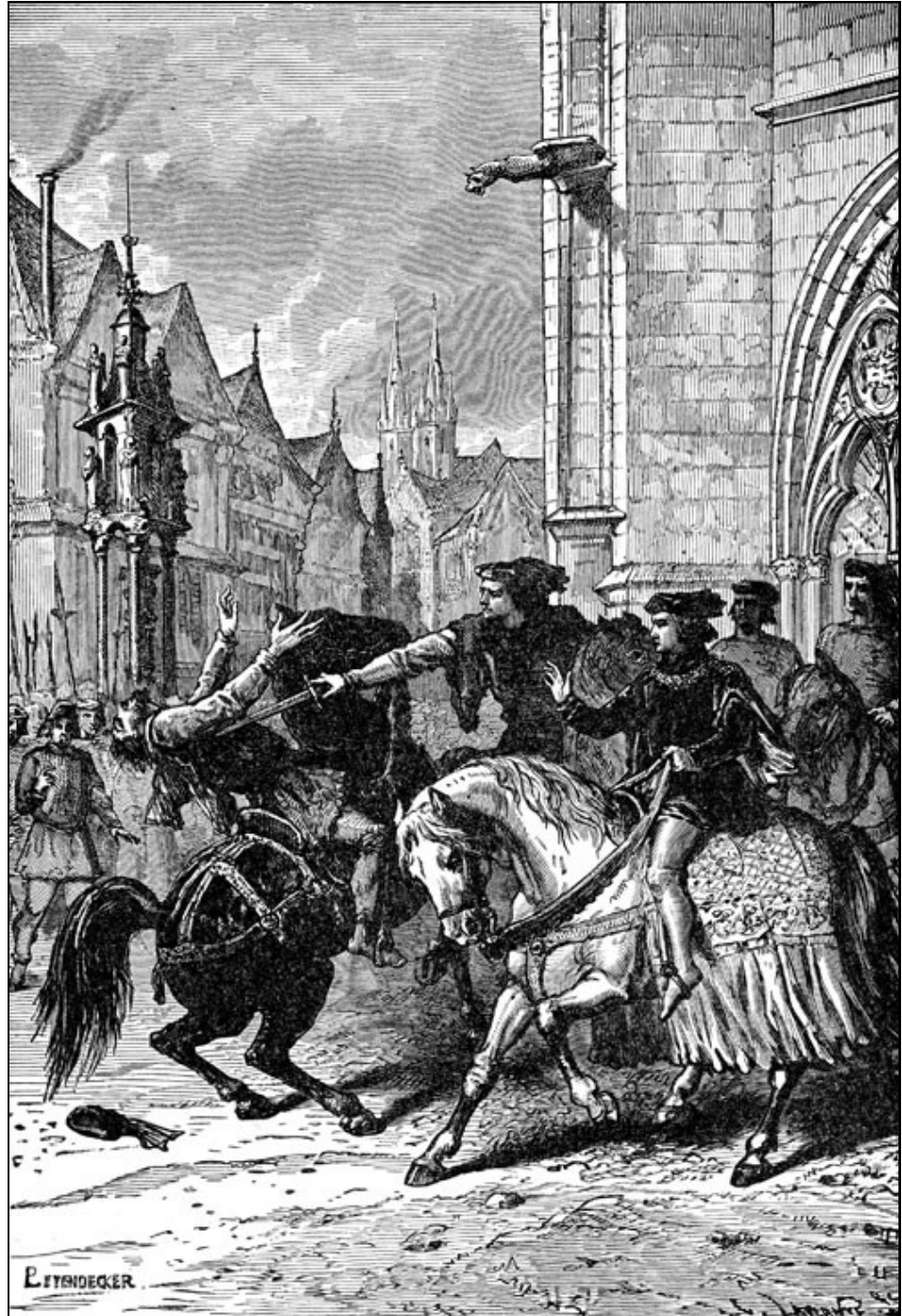
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From the Baronage

Unto the populace of Vatavia, Greetings from Their Excellencies,

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 though "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 have heard tell of the glorious achievements of Vataivians at Gulf Wars and could not be prouder of your accomplishments!

In service,

HL Donald Macdonald, Baron
Ly Zoe Mikre, Baronossa

Did you know?

Pilgrimages were more often made to cure ailments than for spiritual fortification.

From the Chatelaine

Greetings, Fair Vatavia.



I am your new Chatelaine, Lady Deirdre de Warenne of Childentun. I have been part of the SCA for 24 years, in 3 kingdoms, 15 of them here in Vatavia. I love working with new members, watching the magic of discovery light their eyes, just like mine lit up all those years ago.

I have several exciting ideas for Recruiting and Retention, mentoring and even a couple of events.

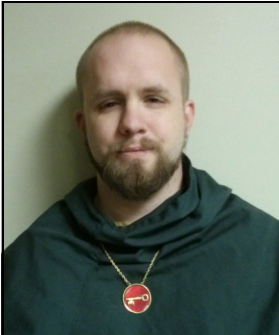
I love meeting newcomers, so if you haven't met me yet, please talk to me, or ask someone you know introduce you to me. I'm not so scary! If there is a newcomer you are working with, please introduce them to me.

Kingdom A&S is coming up. I will have a Newcomers' Point set up. Please stop by!!

In Service to the Dream
Lady Deirdre de Warenne

From the Seneschal

Greetings Vatavia,



Here we go, off to the races. Gulf Wars, Kingdom Arts and Sciences, Crown Tournament, Renn Faire Demo, Baronial Champions, etc... Spring is here. Please, if you have not yet, speak with the stewards of our upcoming events as well as the Renn. Faire demo to share you might volunteer and support their efforts. There is a lot to do and many hands makes for easy lifting.

Officers', it's that time again, reports are due. Get them in early and make for a very happy Seneschal.

As we move towards event season, remember to look through your camping gear. Make sure no mildew has taken form in your tents and tarps. Make sure wood is in good condition. Fuel and batteries for lanterns, first aid kits are fully stocked. Check the tires on your vehicles as well as those oil changes. Please get where you are going safely and be prepared for what may happen while you are there. It is a fun time of year, let's make sure we are all able to safely enjoy it.

Finally, as usual we have been assigned the first Sunday morning/Saturday Evening troll shift at Lillies War. That's from 12 Midnight to 8 AM. If you would like to come work, please let me know and I will get you slotted in on the shift of your choice. We are desperately in need of filling the 6Am - 8 AM. Thank You.

In Service to Crown and Kingdom,

Ottar Surtson

Water was an unreliable hydration source, so ale was the beverage of both choice and necessity.

From the Kingdom Chatelaine

Happy Spring, Vataivians! I have been so honored to serve as your Chatelaine for the last two and a half years. Surrounded by the excitement of newcomers is refreshing and inspiring. For that, I thank you. I know that Lady Diedre will bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the office, and I ask you to support her.

I am now serving as the Kingdom Chatelaine and, as such, attended a Knowne World meeting at Gulf Wars last week. Among many things learned and ideas shared is one that I've known for a long time.....the number one reason that people leave a group shortly after becoming active is that they don't feel welcome. This ranges from not finding their niche right away to being spoken to in a condescending manner that makes them feel inferior. I want to speak to the latter.

I firmly believe that everyone should be a Chatelaine when speaking to new people. Don't tell them that they MUST construct their own period garb out of linen prior to their first event. Do not tell them that they MUST devise a persona and backstory in the next week. Do not overload them with new information. Do not air your dirty laundry. Ever. Period. They will learn what they need to know in time. Remember what it was like when YOU were new. Be sensitive to that. The society only works if we recruit and retain lasting members. Thank you!

Yours in perpetual service,

Lucia

Officer's Meeting Minutes

March, 2014 - Martinson Avenue Christian Church, Wichita, KS

15 members attended: 12 Baronage/officers/deputies/champions; 1 event steward; 2 members of populace

Kingdom Arts and Sciences will be in Vatavia March 22nd. A new comers table and fighting are planned at that event. Volunteers to judge are still needed. All Vataivians attending are being asked to stay and help with tear down for this event. The event steward requested members consider donating cookies for the tavern.

March 9th there will be a presentation on Medieval Engineering at Exploration Place during the fighter practice. There will be classes on making sundials. March 27th Miquel of Theobald College is arranging a special movie showing of *The Knights of Badassdom* at the 13th Street Warren in Wichita. Reservations need to be made in advance.

The Champions' event has been moved to Sunday April 27th to guarantee all champions will be available. As a result the previous demonstration request that conflicted with the April 26th date will be reconsidered.

The new Chatelaine, Lady Deirdre, presented plans for new loaner garb, new alternative contact methods, advertising possibilities and a proposed network with other Chatelaines. Two name change proposals will be sent to the submissions herald, Saker, mid month. After this month the *Dragonflyre* will change to publication every two months.

Fighter practice will continue at Exploration Place the rest of the March. Fighting activities and armor construction at Theobald College were discussed. Planning is being done to have a Vataivian practice at Theobald College. Archery practice is monthly as the weather cooperates.

The Census form is available on the group web site. The link is also on Facebook, the Dragonfly on line, and listed in the *Dragonflyre*. Hard copy forms are available from the Seneschal, Fighter Marshal, Marie and other officers. Return hard copy forms to the Seneschal or Chronicler.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.



Vatavian Events

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 Hoistclair
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Fighter Practice

Sundays at 11 AM, South Linwood Park
Hydraulic & Mt. Vernon, next to the tennis courts
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Archery Practice

During the winter practice will be held on Sundays at
Diamond Archery, from 12 PM-2 PM, 926 West Harry,
Wichita, KS.

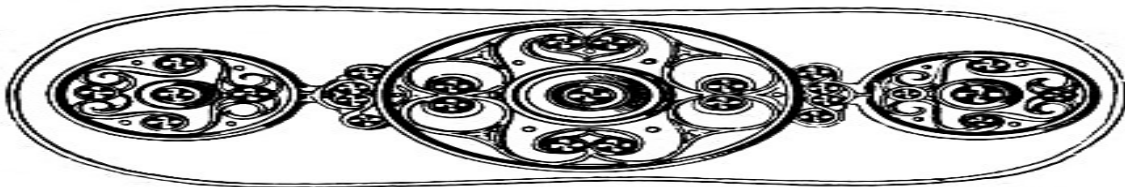
For more information, contact: Lord William Douglas
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Officers/Finance Meetings

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

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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May 3 Spring Fling & Bardic Bedlam | Lonely Tower (Omaha, NE)

May 10 St. George & The Dragon | Oakheart (Springfield, MO)

May 17 Melees & Mayhem | Crescent Moon (Topeka, KS)

May 24 Horse & Falcon | Forgotten Sea (Kansas City, MO)

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June 14 - 22 Lilies War XXVIII | (Smithville, MO)



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