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FROM THE BARONAGE

Unto the populace of Vatavia, Greetings from Their Excellencies,

Let us join our voices with the rest of the kingdom and say long live their Majesties! May their reign be glorious!

The barony finds itself in need of a new chronicler. If you wish to know more about this positions and what it requires, please speak to Lord Ottar or one of us. We will be glad to answer any questions you may have. Thanks to Lord Corrigan for serving as interim chronicler.

Valor! Valor! Valor! Believe it or not, it's only a few short months away! Come, have fun! Partake of delicious food! Enjoy the new baronial shade! And, since you're there, why not help out at troll, or with waterbearing, or in the tavern, or just about anything else you can think of? Helping at events is a great way to meet new people!

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!

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



FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHAL

Hail and well met, Vatavia!

With the din of Lilies War battles still ringing in my ears, I look ahead to Vatavia's traditional event—the Tournament of Valor. Fighters, be sure to have your armor and weapons repaired, in time to partake of glorious combat, but also remember to take some time to help out at the event as well. His Lordship Kagemoto is the Marshal-in-Charge, so if you are a marshal, see if he needs assistance. If you aren't a marshal, please look to help out somewhere, be it at Troll, in the Tavern, or with set-up. Remember too, send in Award Recommendations to TRM Agamemnon & Gwen, for those gentles deserving of recognition at Valor XXXV.

The new Calontir Marshal's Handbook has been finalized and should soon be available at the Calontir Marshal's web page: www.marshallate.calontir.org

Vatavian fighter practice continues on Sundays at south Linwood Park, corner of Hydraulic & Mt. Vernon, next to the tennis courts. Now that temperatures are getting closer to 100 degrees, we will be moving the start time earlier, to 10:00 AM, starting July 20th. Please watch yourself while fighting in the summer heat at practice and at events. Drink plenty of water and take regular breaks — it's easy to overdo it. Be safe, strike true, and have fun!

In service,
Lord Corrigan MacKenzie

FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings Vatavia,

With the heat of summer comes more winds of change here in our beloved barony. A new Minister of Arts and Sciences will be taking the office soon. Lady Aelia has had to take here leave of us due to moving to distant lands. This means our Chronicler position is again open for application. Valor and Fall Ren Fest are around the corner. A busy time in Vatavia indeed.

A new Minister of Arts and Sciences should be taken office during July Populace meeting, barring any unforeseen circumstances. Please be supportive of the new officer. Feel free to share your ideas, wants, and needs in regards to classes and Arts and Sciences activities.

The office of the Chronicler is currently vacant. I'd like to personally thank Lady Aelia for her work this year in the office and wish her and her family well in their new life down in Meridies. If interested in the position please send a letter of intent to myself as well as Their Excellencies and we will get you scheduled for an interview. This is a great position for anyone interested in helping Vatavia in the Officer Corps.

A new Baronial events calendar has been placed on our homepage. Please visit www.baronyofvatavia.org. This is the official means of announcing meetings, events, etc. Need to have something added to the calendar? Contact myself, William Douglas, Corrigan MacKenzie, or Mistress Sung with the date, time, and the details of your addition and we will get it posted for you.

We are currently looking for a steward or two for the Fall Great Plains Renaissance Festival. Please contact myself and Their Excellencies to apply.

Finally, Valor is approaching fast. Please get with Lady Lucia and Lord Robert to volunteer some time to help with the event. It takes many many hands to pull off an event as grand as Valor and I'm sure they would both truly appreciate any time you could give.

Thank you Vatavia for all that you are and all that you do. Stay cool during these truly hot days in the lands that burn.

In Service to Crown and Kingdom,
Ottar Surtson



FROM THE CALTROP PURSUIVANT

Good gentles all,

We are on the verge of a busy season ahead. With Lilies finished and Valor on the horizon, there will shortly be a demand for voice heralds once again. And speaking of Lilies, I would like to take a moment and thank my deputy, Lord Karl zum Drachen, for stepping up and heralding the Ladies of the Rose tournament at Lilies while I was away. Despite the usual Lilies weather, from all accounts Karl executed his duties with aplomb and took each new experience in stride. Vivat the dedicated!

Now, with Valor coming up, we will have a great need for camp criers and list heralds over the course of the Labor Day weekend. Morning camp announcements will be slated to begin at 8:30 AM, which means I will begin assembling my team and the announcements at 8 AM on the dot inside the Great Hall. New heralds are more than welcome to join in on the camp cries; I will pair you off with an experienced herald

so that you can get the hang of how we do things. In addition, list heralds will be in high demand for the tournaments, especially Sunday's Cut & Thrust which will be immediately followed by the main Tournament of Valor. This is a great opportunity for those with strong voices to serve Calontir well.

Finally, there will be the consultation table at Valor. If you are intrigued by book heraldry, or know some of the details already and want to help with consults, please talk to HE Marie Chantal. I know she would greatly appreciate the help.

With all that said, to all heralds, our next big event after Coronation will be CalonCon. The Heralds' meeting at CalonCon will be from 10 AM to noon, and I will expect as many of the Caltrop office staff to attend as possible (unless there are mitigating reasons, which I will pass on to Gold Falcon if you have not done so already). Let's all do our best to make Vatavia's heralding shine bright!

In service,
Jóhann Steinarsson



FROM THE DEMO COORDINATOR

Good populace of Vatavia... greetings,

This summer and early fall we have opportunities to share our knowledge and what we do with Exploration Place and The Museum of World Treasures.

This July 27th from 1 pm-4 pm a presentation on "historic games" will be done at Exploration Place. You do not have to be knowledgeable on games to be a part of this demo. Come and learn and play. Then September 21 we return for "Arms, Armor and Archery." Again this will be from 1 pm-4 pm.

The Museum of World Treasures has invited us to present hands on items, activities and displays for the opening of their new Royalty exhibit Thursday July 17th from 6 pm-8 pm. August 9th is the Museums customer appreciation day. Their event is from 10 am- 5 pm. Details have yet to be finalized and will probably not include us for the entire time period.

If you are interested in coming to any of these presentations please contact me through the Baronial website or directly.

Marie Chantal Delaire

FROM THE DEPUTY CHRONICLER

Unto Vatavia,

A round of applause should go up for the efforts of Lady Aelia who gamely stepped into the Chroniclers duties earlier this year; she has done an excellent job. Because of real life, however, she and her family have moved out of Calontir—for beneficial reasons, but she will be missed nonetheless.

As such, the position of Chronicler is open, and Their Excellencies and Their Seneschal would ask any gentles that wishes to take on the office to submit letters of intent to them. As the newsletter is now published both on-line and bi-monthly, the duties are not heavy, and knowledge of basic desktop publishing is all that is required. To that end, there are various people in the Barony willing and able to help the new Chronicler learn the ropes, myself included. It is a fun and rewarding position, not to mention one that is required of our group.

Until such time as a new Chronicler is found, I will continue to act as interim Chronicler, and would remain as Deputy to the new officer-holder.

In service,
Lord Corrigan MacKenzie

OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2014 - Martinson Avenue Christian Church, Wichita, KS

11 members attended: 9 Baronage/officers/deputies/champions;
1 event steward; 1 member of the populace

Coronation will be held in the Kansas City area [St. Joseph Missouri] July 12th. Vatavians are encouraged to attend. It was noted that this was the first time in 14 years that an unbelted fighter would be elevated to the leadership. The next weekend is the Kingdom officers meeting, Calon Con on July 19th.

Valor XXXV will be held in Vatavia August 29th-September 1st. Volunteers to fill various responsibilities are needed. Contact area heads to sign up. A presentation on period historic games is scheduled for Exploration Place July 29th from 1pm-4pm.

The Herald is awaiting the decision results on Vatavian proposals currently in process at Laurel [national]. The Chatelaine reported that members of Theobald College [Ark City] are traveling to Vatavia to work on projects.

The Exchequer reported that the site fee for Valor has been paid in full. The new shade fly has been received and paid for. The security deposited has been returned and deposited for the Camp Hawk Champions' event. the beginning of July materials will be obtained and

shelving built for the Baronial property storage.

Fighter practice was suspended due to Lilies June 14th-22nd and will resume June 29th. Old canvas has been donated to the fighter corps for their projects. Syr Gawayne has offered to teach wooden shield construction at his residence. Cut and Thrust practice is held at the same time and location as armored combat, Sundays at South Linwood Park 11am-2pm.

Archery practice is 9am-11am Sunday mornings at the Maize location in order to take advantage of the cooler temperatures and have members able to also attend fighter practice if they so wish.

All officers need to attend Calon Can July 19th. Officers should notify their Kingdom superior and Lord Öttarr if real life will result in their absence.

All publication or posting of official announcements, calendar additions or changes, events, meetings, interest group meetings, meeting locations or changes, cancellations, etc. must be done first using official publications or the Baronial web site. Afterwards unofficial forms of communication such as the Dragonfly online and Facebook can be used. This is a legal issue that has occurred within the Society. Officers, event stewards and others need to be aware and use official communication channels first.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 2014 - Martinson Avenue Christian Church, Wichita, KS

12 members attended: 10 Baronage/officers/deputies/champions;
1 event steward; 1 new member of the populace

The July populace meeting will be moved to the fourth Wednesday, July 23rd. On July 27th there will be a presentation on Historic games at Exploration Place from 1pm- 4pm.

Valor XXXV, Sheepah's Revenge, organization continues with section heads being encouraged to recruit deputies to learn that portion of the event's operations and needs. Individual campsites are responsible advised to bring their own rugs, carpet scraps or blankets to deal with sand burrs stickers. The tavern menu will be on the website including the ingredients. It was announced that there would be no equestrian activities this year. There will be a man-at-arms tournament sponsored on Saturday. Members are encouraged to make award recommendations in time for consideration and possible presentation at Valor.

Queen's Prize Tournament is September 13th in Lost Moor [St. Joseph, Missouri]. Members are encouraged to get a Grant of Arms sponsor and enter.

Results of the June heraldry decisions are expected in August. Other proposals in process will be later in the Fall. Caltrop's deputy, Ld Karl, heralded the Ladies of the Rose tournaments at Lilies. It was announced that Ly Aelia will be leaving Vatavia and must step down as our Chronicler. Therefore Ld. Corrigan will be taking over temporarily as Chronicler. After July the next publication would be in September after Valor. The Chatelaine is planning a tour of the activities at Valor for the new members.

The Vatavian gratuity for working the Spring Renaissance Festival pop booth is still in process. It was announced that there would be only one pop booth at the Fall Festival. Our group will be responsible for that one concession. The quarterly Exchequer report is awaiting the last bank statement to finalize that report.

July 5th members will be constructing shelving for storing the Baronial property. Help and tools for the job are needed. The following day the remaining property will be moved to that permanent storage location from it's temporary storage area. Inventory will be done at that time.

It was reported that Ly Francesca became an authorized fighter marshal at Lilies. New fighters continue to come to weekly Sunday practice.

Archery practice continues early morning (9am) on Sundays to avoid the heat and enable members to also attend the fighter practice at 11 am.

Members are reminded that when meetings are moved that involve the use of non-member facilities the Seneschal, who is the responsible agent for the group, must be notified in advance. Calon Con, the Kingdom annual officers' meeting, is July 19th in dun Ard [Leavenworth, Kansas]. Any officer unable to attend must contact and inform their Kingdom superior. Ld Öttarr should be informed as well.

Bids for the Fall Renaissance Festival, September 27th-28th, are needed. Members are also encourages to put in bids to host the Queen's Prize Tournament in 2015. Kingdom sponsored events are organized by Kingdom leaving the local group to focus on the site related aspects of an event.

All second quarter officers' reports are due by July 15th. Earlier is never a problem.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

KINGDOM EVENTS

July 12: Summer Coronation | Lost Moor (St. Joseph, MO)
July 19: CalonCon | Dun Ard (Leavenworth, KS)
July 26-27: Feast of Eagles | Cúm An Iolair (S. Johnson County, KS)
July 25-Aug. 10: Pennsic XLIII | Aethelmearc (Slippery Rock, PA)

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Aug. 16-17: Harpies and Hillians | Heraldshill (Charles City, IA)
Aug. 16-17: Mad Dogs & Englishmen | Carlsby (Lawrence, KS)
Aug. 23-24: Cattle Raids | Mag Mor (Lincoln, NE)
Aug. 23-24: Baroness Wars II...The Feast of St Ethyl | Shire of
Swordcliff, MidRealm (Taylorville, IL)
Aug. 29-Sept. 1: Tournament of Valor XXXV | Vatavia (Wichita, KS)
Aug. 30-31: Known World Bardic Congress and Cooks Collegium
Jararvellir, Northshield (Wisconsin Dells, WI)

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Sept. 6-7: King's Companie of Archers | Spinning Winds
(Smithville Lake, MO)
Sept. 13-14: Queen's Prize Tournament | Lost Moor (St. Joseph, MO)
Sept. 20-21: Event | Deodar (Cedar Rapids, IA)
Sept. 20-21: Triumphe of the Eclipse IX | Mooneschadowe,
Ansteorra (Stillwater, OK)
Sept. 27-28: Gryphon's Fest | Three Rivers (St. Louis, MO)

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Oct. 4-5: Autumn Arrows | Calanais Nuadh (Rolla, MO)
Oct. 11-12: Fall Crown | Coeur d'Ennui (Des Moines, IA)
Oct. 18-19: Octo-bearfest | Westumbria (Hays-Great Bend, KS)
Oct. 18-19: Vertigo | Lost Moor (St. Joseph, MO)
Oct. 25-26: Hail to the Striking Falcon, 30 Years of Calontir History
Grimfells (Fayetteville, AR)

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Nov. 1-2 Northshield Dance Seminar XXII | Jararvellir,
Northshield (Wisconsin Dells, WI)
Nov. 15-16: Fellowship of the Borderlands | The Shire of
Bois'd Arc (Independence, KS)
Nov. 15: Toys for Tots | Wyvern Cliffe (Jefferson City, MO)
Nov. 22: Masters of the Duel | Vatavia (Wichita, KS))

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TO GET A COPY OF THE KNOWN WORLD HANDBOOK

Contact His Lordship Friar Thomas at 316-685-1182

INTEREST GATHERINGS

Populace Meeting

Third Wednesday, 7-9 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*

Fighter Practice (Armored Combat and Cut & Thrust)

Sundays, 10 AM-1 PM

South Linwood Park, Hydraulic & Mt. Vernon

For more information, contact: Lord Corrigan

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Archery Practice

Sundays, 9-11 AM

Location: Archery Range behind the residence at NE Corner of
Maize Road and 53rd Street

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, 7-9 PM

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





*Hosted by the Barony of Vatavia
August 29 - September 1, 2014*

Band Camp 7149 North 87th Street West Valley Center, KS 67147
Site opens at 6:00 pm Friday, August 29th
Site closes at noon on Monday, September 1st

Please join us in Vatavia for Valor XXXV. This year, the oldest tournament in Calontir goes Celtic! In addition to all the usual Valor activities, we'll have Highland Games, an Irish pub, and a Mr. Valor kilt pageant! We can't promise you 80 degree weather, but we **CAN** promise you more fun than you can handle. Fighting, Archery, Calon Steel, A&S, Bardic, games, mayhem, debauchery. Come party with 300 of your closest friends!

Teen Tent & Party

There will be a Teen Tent set aside for the teens to have a place of their own to hang out at Valor this year. Saturday evening there will be a Teen Party on the deck near the lake.

Site Fee

\$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 6-17, children under 5 get in free. There is an additional \$5.00 surcharge for each adult non-member. Family Cap is \$45.00 (*not including NMS*). Make checks payable to "SCA Inc., Barony of Vatavia."

Site Information

The site includes a full hall, plenty of camping space, a nature trail, showers, and indoor restrooms.

No ground fires! Above ground fire pits and cooking devices are allowed.

Dogs are allowed if on leash or in a run.

Site is wet!

Directions

Take your best route to I-135 in Wichita, KS. Follow I-135 to the north edge of Wichita, to K-96 West. Continue on K-96 to Ridge Road. Take Ridge Road north to 73rd St. North. Turn left on 73rd St. and continue for approximately one mile until you reach North 87th Street West. Turn left on North 87th Street West. The road leads to Band Camp and AWESOMENESS!!

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More information can be found at <http://valor.baronyofvatavia.org/>



Masters of the Duel



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Saturday, November 22, 2014

St. Patrick's Catholic School • 2023 N. Arkansas • Wichita, KS 67203

Site Opens at 9:00 AM – Closes at 6:00 PM

A college focusing primarily on Cut & Thrust for the period of 1400-1600 AD, with additional classes in other areas. The first appearance of rapier masters is documented to the early 1400's, with civilized duels becoming popular among the nobility.

Calontir Cut & Thrust: There will be a Swiss Five Tournament in the morning. Afternoon classes to be announced.

Armored Combat: There will be a Warlord Tournament held in the morning. Afternoon classes & drills to be announced.

Arts & Sciences Classes: Classes to be announced.

Merchants: As space is limited, those merchants wishing to attend should contact the event stewards to reserve space. There is no merchandising fee.

Tavern: Sponsored by the Shire of Bois d'Arc, the tavern will be open for breakfast & lunch. Drinks will be sold throughout the day.

Site Fee & Site Info: \$7.00 For adults, \$3.00 for ages 6-17, children 5 & under get in free. There is an additional \$5.00 Surcharge for each adult non-member. The family cap is \$25.00 (Not including non-member surcharge). Make checks payable to "Sca Inc., Barony of Vatavia." Site is dry.

Directions: Take your best route to the north end of Wichita, KS traveling on I-135. Exit at 21st north, and head west. After approx. 1.5 Miles turn left (south) at N. Arkansas Ave. After ¼ mile, St. Patrick's will be on your right.

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www.baronyofvatavia.org/masters-duel-2014.php

THE SCOTTISH BORDER

by His Lordship Friar Thomas Bacon

In popular imagination, the Scottish border region during the Middle Ages had the same sort of atmosphere as the American Old West. But like the legends of the Old West, the tales of the borderlands, while containing the kernel of the truth, are exaggerations of reality. While the reality is more complex than what can be contained in this essay, it can show a less melodramatic version.

The Scottish borderlands lie roughly between the Tyne River to the south (the trace of Hadrian's Wall) and the Tweed River on the north. In-between are the Cheviot Hills. The hills made travel both north-south and east-west difficult. Therefore the population centered along the coasts and river valleys. The border lies here not so much because the geography is impassable but because it was an economic wasteland, with little wealth to fight for, or support military operations.

The history of the eastern half of the region begins around 547 when the Angle Ida founded a settlement at Bamburgh which would become the kingdom of Bernicia. Ida came from the kingdom of Deira situated around the Humber River. These two kingdoms would later merge to form Northumbria. For its first fifty years, Bernicia fought a seesaw war with the local Britons. That all changed under the Northumbrian king Aethelfrith shortly after 600. Victory at Degaстан in 603 allowed expansion to the Scottish Southern Uplands to the north. Another victory in Chester around 614 opened lands to the Irish Sea to the west. While dynastic struggles lasted through the 7th century, life did not change much in the borderlands till the Danes crushed Northumbria in 866.

The western part of the borderlands formed the British kingdom of Rheged. The kingdom is best known as the home of the poet Taliesin, who lived during this period. One of his prime subject matters was of King Urien and his struggles against the Angles of Bernicia. While the death of Urien ended Celtic hopes of driving out the Saxons in the north, a form of independence lasted until 1018.

The coming of the Vikings at the end of the 8th century causes considerable damages as monasteries and coastal settlements were sacked and looted. Yet local control remained in the hands of the Celtic kings in the west and the family of the Bernicia kings in the east.

Change came in 1018. With the death of the last of the Celtic rulers, Malcolm II of Scotland seized the western reaches as far south as Lancaster. In 1031 Cnut marched north to retake those lands, forced Malcolm's submission, and reduce the independence of the Bernicia family. He left after putting these lands under the jurisdiction of Siward, the Earl of Northumbria.

In the aftermath of 1066, the Scots reasserted their claim until 1092 when William Rufus refixed the boundary. In 1137 during the chaos of the reign of King Stephen, the Scottish king David I again claimed the land, only for his son Malcolm IV to be compelled to give it up by Henry II. Since that time the acknowledged border between Scotland and England has largely remained unchanged.

Except for the coasts and river valleys, the primary means of living was pastoral. And even where crops were grown, the harvest was barely enough for local consumption. The nobility was largely absentee, reflected by the low numbers of knight service required from the region, and the low number of castles in the area.

Prior to 1300 the borderland was a land to itself. While the local

population was aware of the border it was of little hindrance. Herds moved back and forth, and trade was conducted in the nearest urban center regardless of side of the border it lies. In 1249 a special Anglo-Scottish commission created the 'Laws of the Marches' to handle cross-border criminality. And the local nobility and religious establishments had estates on both sides of the border. Allegiances were more a function of lifestyle than location with respect to an imaginary line. As one person put it: "our lawless people will be Scottish when they will, and English at their pleasure".

In the beginning years of the Scottish War of Independence with William Wallace and Robert Bruce, the borderlands were little affected other than being marshaling points for the English thrusts northward. However, beginning in 1318 the Scots began a series of raids which routinely reached Durham to the south and further, and harrowed the eastern lands. More lasting was the lost of lands across the border by various nobles on both sides of the conflict.

Herein lie the seeds of that most notorious time of the borderlands, the time of the reivers. The dispossessed Scottish lands were given to the Douglasses, while in England, the eastern lands were given to the Percys, and the western to the Nevilles. By the 1360's these marcher lords were going at it as much as for personal gain as they acted as national surrogates. For should they lose, their new lands would revert to the older claimants from the other side. Much of this activity ended by 1410 as the conflict between Scotland and England shifted to other fields.

What followed for the next century was a sort of 'cold war' of occasional raids. While it formally ended in 1502, the raids continued late into the century. In an unusual twist, the standard stronghold of the region was not a castle or fortified manor, though they did exist, but the local church. Priests were expected to lead the local defense as well as worship. It was only as the Reformation penetrated the region and reformed the clergy that the borderlands calmed down.

The ballads and tales of the Scottish borderlands are filled with raids and counter-raids, of ambush and revenge, a pervasive atmosphere of outlawry. And these things did happen. But they were only occasionally things, when a momentary weakness of the enemy presented an opportunity. The borderlands were too lightly populated, too poor to long sustain such activity. And most of that was prompted by events outside the region. Like the American West, the borderland was a frontier. And like the American West, violence was more prevalent in literature than in reality.

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AWARDS *by Baroness Marie Chantal Delaire*

May 1, 1966: a group of graduate students and other interested friends held a period theme party in Diana Paxson's backyard in Berkeley, California. Thus began what was to become the Society for Creative Anachronism. As they say, the rest is history. On Twelfth Night 1968 the Society was formally established. The titles of Knight and Master of Arms for martial activities and Master or Mistress for arts and sciences activities were created at that time. Under the grandfather provision Sir Adral Argo ver Kaeysc who was knighted at that first event became the Principal of the Order of the Chivalry. Later national recognition for service to the Society was established which also used the title of Master or Mistress.

October 1968: the Society was incorporated as a non-profit organization. Part of that process was the establishment of an organizational structure, Corpora and the By-Laws. Corpora formally set down the guidelines for the national level awards, what are called the Peerage. These Patent of Arms (PoA) level awards are among the highest level awards in all Kingdoms and Principalities of the Society. They are known as the Order of Chivalry for martial activities, Order of the Laurel for the arts and sciences, and Order of the Pelican for service. Corpora also set guidelines for Kingdoms and Principalities to establish and confer their own awards and orders: Award of Arms (AoA) and Grant of Arms (GoA). Awards associated with 'Orders' are often referred to as polling orders since consultation with members of the order is done for individuals under consideration for that particular award. Corpora also outlined that Baronies could also establish awards and orders but could not bestow Arms. The Kingdom of Calontir & the Barony of Vativia both have second level awards that are associated with established Orders. Members of the Order are consulted on possible candidates.

The Kingdom of Calontir has a three (3) level award system in the three areas of martial activities, arts and sciences activities, and service. Kingdom law sets forth the requirements for conferring these different awards. As with all Kingdoms, Calontir has Peerage level awards PoA (Patent of Arms): Chivalry, Laurel and Pelican, which are co-equal in precedence. Tradition has listings of these done in the order of their creation.

The next highest level of awards is the GoA awards (Grant of Arms). These are associated with Orders. Members who receive such an award are referred to as Companions of that Order and addressed as Lordship/Ladyship or as the Honorable Lord/Lady. The martial award is known as the Hirth, also called the Hyrd. Separate recognition is given for fighting activities, Iren-Hirth; archery, Boga-Hirth and equestrian, Eo-Hirth. Arts and sciences activities are also recognized separately: arts, the Calon Lily; and sciences, the Silver Hammer. For service the Order is known as the Calon Cross. All of these consider and require not only the ability and knowledge of the individual in their respective areas but also the person's teaching and passing on of that skill & knowledge.

The next level of awards is the AoA (Award of Arms). Recipients are addressed as Lord or Lady. An individual can receive just a simple AoA for general participation. Usually this is the first

award an individual receives from the Kingdom. Recognition for the three areas is also done. The AoA level award for martial activities is the Fyrd: fighting, Iren-Fyrd; archery, Boga-Fyrd and equestrian, Eo-Fyrd. The arts award is called the Golden Calon Swan or Calon Swan; the sciences, the Leather Mallet. A Torse is given for service. These are given to those who show promise in their chosen activity and more than what would be expected of a member in general.

There are other Kingdom level awards. Some are non-armigerous which means they do not have Arms bestowed as part of the award. Specifics on these and the awards mentioned above can be found on the Calontir website, Calontir.org, in the Kingdom Laws or from the local heralds' or an informative handout done by Lord Cai. An entire issue of the Calon Scrolls was devoted just to this Kingdom's awards.

The Barony of Vativia's award structure by custom and tradition follows a similar pattern. There are three (3) levels of awards in the three areas of martial activities, arts and sciences activities, and service. The highest-level award is the Star of Vativia. This recognizes individuals whose activities at Kingdom level have brought acclaim and renown to Vativia through their skill and/or leadership. Such individuals are recognized and known specifically as being Vativians. The Star is the highest award for all of the three different areas of activity.

The next highest award level is that of the Orders. This is sometimes also referred to as the badge level since each Order has a specific design associated with it. Like Kingdom, martial activities recognize the two areas of fighting and archery. The Straz is the fighting order for the captains of the Baronial guard. The Zeman Straz is the order for the captains of the archer guard. Recently, there has been the addition of level recognition for cut and thrust fighters. An appropriate Czech term has not been selected for this new award. Arts and sciences activities are recognized with the Radiant Lioness. Like the second level Kingdom awards recipients have skill and knowledge in more than one area and teach these skills to others. The Golden Heart is given for service above that normally expected. A special youth award was made at this level called the Golden Dragonfly of Vativia. Youth who are active in all activity areas and display leadership with their peers are so recognized.

The first awards received by a Vativian are usually those which have as a symbol some form of cord braided of specific colors. The Vojak is the Baronial guard who receive a blue and yellow cord. The Vessler are the Baronial archer guard and are represented by a red and white cord. The Order of the Sword are the Cut and thrust fighters and are represented by a green and yellow cord. An Achievement in the Arts (AiA) cord is blue and white; the cord for an Achievement in the Sciences (AiS) is red and yellow. For service a white cord is presented for Acts of Dedication. (AoD). The youth have a yellow and white cord called the Act of Promise (AoP).

There are some special cords that are presented in Vativia. These do not follow the award pattern of the Kingdom and Society level. One is the blue cord. This is given to those members of the populace who support Vativia and the Society

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by becoming national level members. The green cord is an act of dedication for non-Vatavians, our recognized “aliens”. Such individuals assist with putting events on in our area even though they are not members of the local group. The other special cord is the Victory in Competition (ViC). This red cord recognizes those members who have won a competition at kingdom level events. After a person has won such a competition it must then be read in court and be presented as an award for victory in a competition. The bards have a black and white cord to recognize those who excel in the bardic arts. This cord is for the order of the Zevak. The AiA, AiS, AoD, ViC, and green cord awards can be presented more than once. Additional recognition is represented by gold leaves added to the cords.

Again, like Kingdom, these are not all of the awards. There are other special awards and orders and some which have since been closed. That is another entire article.

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CALONTIR AWARDS & TITLES (KINGDOM LEVEL)

	Martial Arts			Arts and Sciences		Service
Peerage/ Patent of Arms (Society Level)	<i>Chivalry</i> Knight or Master/Mistress at Arms			<i>Laurel</i> Master/Mistress		<i>Pelican</i> Master/Mistress
	(Fighting)	(Archery)	(Equestrian)	(Arts)	(Sciences)	(Service)
Grant of Arms (Kingdom Level)	<i>Iren Hirth</i> His Lordship/ Her Ladyship	<i>Boga Hirth</i> His Lordship/ Her Ladyship	<i>Eo Hirth</i> His Lordship/ Her Ladyship	<i>Calon Lily</i> His Lordship/ Her Ladyship	<i>Silver Hammer</i> His Lordship/ Her Ladyship	<i>Calon Cross</i> His Lordship/ Her Ladyship
Award of Arms (Kingdom Level)	<i>Iren Fyrd</i> Lord/Lady	<i>Boga Fyrd</i> Lord/Lady	<i>Eo Fyrd</i> Lord/Lady	<i>Golden Calon Swan</i> Lord/Lady	<i>Leather Mallet</i> Lord/Lady	<i>Torse</i> Lord/Lady

VATAVIAN AWARDS (BARONIAL LEVEL)

	Martial Arts			Arts and Sciences		Service
Baronial	-----			<i>Star of Vatavia</i> -----		
	(Fighting)	(Archery)	(Cut & Thrust)			
Badge Orders	<i>Straz</i>	<i>Zeman Straz</i>	<i>(TBD)</i>	<i>Radiant Lioness</i>		<i>Golden Heart</i>
Cord Orders	<i>Vojak</i> Blue/Yellow	<i>Vessler</i> Red/White	<i>Order of the Saber</i> Green/Yellow	<i>Achievement in the Arts*</i> Blue/White	<i>Achievement in the Sciences*</i> Red/Yellow	<i>Act of Dedication*</i> White

VATAVIAN YOUTH AWARDS (BARONIAL LEVEL)

Baronial	<i>Star of Vatavia</i>
Badge Order	<i>Golden Dragonfly of Vatavia</i>
Cord Order	<i>Act of Promise*</i> White/Yellow

Special Vatavian Awards:

Dream Feather - Silver feather in whatever media
(Awarded by Borec Champion)

Order Saint Hilarius - Left humerus bone

Treasure of Vatavia - Dragonfly with or without wheat motif

Closed Vatavian Orders:

Cumbersome Load - Large rock

Golden Glove - Yellow Playtex glove

Special Vatavian Cords:

Blue Cord - National members

*Green Cord** - Act of Dedication for non-Vatavians

*Red Cord** - Victory at a Kingdom-level competition

Black & White Cord - For Order of Zevak, bards

* Leaf augmentation denotes further recognition

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Fighter Practice
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**MAD DOGS AND
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Shire of Carlsby

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Populace Meeting
7 PM at
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CATTLE RAIDS
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BARONESS WARS II
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 TOURNAMENT OF VALOR 35 Barony of Vatavia	2	3 Officers Meeting and A&S Meeting 7 PM at Martinson Avenue Christian Church 1653 S. Martinson Avenue	4	5	6 KING'S COMPANIE OF ARCHERS Shire of Spinning Winds
7 Archery Practice 9-11 AM Range at NE Corner of Maize & 53rd St. Fighter Practice 10 AM-1 PM South Linwood Park	8	9	10 A&S Meeting 7 PM at Martinson Avenue Christian Church 1653 S. Martinson Avenue	11	12	13 QUEEN'S PRIZE TOURNAMENT Shire of Lost Moor
14 Archery Practice 9-11 AM Range at NE Corner of Maize & 53rd St. Fighter Practice 10 AM-1 PM South Linwood Park	15	16	17 Populace Meeting 7 PM at VFW Post 112 1560 S. Topeka St.	18	19	20 UN-NAMED EVENT Shire of Deodar TRIUMPH OF THE ECLIPSE IX Shire of Mooneschadowe, Kingdom of Ansteorra
21 Archery Practice 9-11 AM Range at NE Corner of Maize & 53rd St. Fighter Practice 10 AM-1 PM South Linwood Park	22	23	24 A&S Meeting 7 PM at Martinson Avenue Christian Church 1653 S. Martinson Avenue	25	26	27 GRYPHON'S FEST Barony of Three Rivers
28 Archery Practice 9-11 AM Range at NE Corner of Maize & 53rd St. Fighter Practice 10 AM-1 PM South Linwood Park	29	30	SEPTEMBER  2014 			

