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THE BARONY OF VATAVIA



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From the Baronage

NOVEMBER

Unto the populace of Vatavia, Greetings from Their Excellencies,

We would like to introduce Kolsveinn Stýrismaðr, our new Chronicler - and this is his very first edition! Thank you Kolsveinn!

Are YOU ready for Masters of the Duel! This will be our kingdom's very first cut-and-thrust themed event, and we are proud of Lord Karl zum Drachen for his great idea. An event like this doesn't happen without the efforts of many, and we thank in advance all those who will be helping out in any way from working gate to teaching classes.

As the weather gets colder, please be sure to be careful in your travels (for example, if you are travelling to Kris Kinder to see HL Cai become Sir Cai). Also, be sure to check the Dragonflyer and DFO for practice times, changes, or cancellations.

In service,
HL Donald Macdonald, Baron
Ly Zoe Mikre, Baronessa

From the Chronicler

Greetings and Salutations!

I thought I might take the opportunity here to introduce myself, as I am still relatively new to all of this. I am Kolsveinn Stýrismaðr, Viking, Fighter, Lover, Chronicler, Navigator, Actor, Dreamer, and just a thankful to be here, kind of guy. This IS my first publication, so apologies if it's a little clunky, there is a lot of white space I plan on cleaning up in the future. just be sure to direct any future concerns toward me and I'll be sure to continue and improve upon them with each issue. I look forward to serving you all in the future!

And may you be well, you may as well be!

~ Kolsveinn Stýrismaðr, Vativian Chronicler.

From the Seneschal

Greetings Vatavia, Warm wishes, and happy Holidays,

First I would like to thank the Barony for making the first year of my term as your Seneschal smooth and as pain free as possible. I've enjoyed it thus far and am proud of all the things that have been accomplished during this time period. I look forward to the next year and am truly excited about everything we have on the horizons.

Now to business, we have some deadlines coming up around the corner. Firstly, the Barony is required to put in a bid for Winter Coronation of 2016. These bids must be up to Kingdom by mid-January; therefore Their Excellencies and I have set January first as the deadline for all potential bids. Please consider placing a bid. There is a form to guide you as to what is required as well as simplify the bidding process. This is a great event to get your feet wet on event stewarding and there are a large number of the populace that have run such events before to aid you. So please, ask around and look into it if you have not already. There is still time.

Next, Their Excellencies and I are asking for bids for Valor 2015 no later than January 1st as well. This event takes a lot of planning and getting a bid decided on allows Their Excellencies, myself, and others to advertise the event to the Kingdom and surrounding kingdoms as well.

Coming soon we will be installing a meeting report form on the Baronial webpage. This will be a form that anyone who holds an official meeting fills out. This would include Fighter Practices, Arts and Sciences meetings, Business aka Officers' meeting, Populace meetings, etc. It will be a quick form that will ask for things such as Estimated attendance, activities that take place at the meeting, and information about any newcomers that may have attended. Simply put it will allow us to have a better and clearer idea of how we are doing and what we are doing. As well as allowing the officers to keep a more accurate track of things for their reports.

Finally, Fourth quarter and Domesdays will be due before our next editions. Please keep your eyes open for the usual heads up on due dates and keep in touch if you are having any issues.

Please have a wonderful holiday season, no matter how you choose to celebrate. Be careful on the roads, enjoy time with family and friends and look forward to next year.

In Service to Crown and Kingdom,
Ottar Surtson

From the Knight Marshal

Greetings Vatavia,

The cold winds of winter are nipping at our cloaks, so it is time to move indoors for Fighter Practices, both Heavy and Rapier. Starting November 23, we will be meeting at Exploration Place, located just west of downtown Wichita along the Arkansas River at 300 N. McLean Blvd. Practice will run from 12 noon to 3 pm. The changing room we have used in the past is no longer usable, so please keep that in mind; in fact, it is a good idea for you to come already in fighting garb so the EP staff knows you are part of the SCA. Our being there is effectively a demo, so it's appropriate. The same goes for any non-fighters that attend practice at EP; please come in garb, and participate as a representative of the SCA.

With fighting events fewer during the winter months, please look to repairing your armor and weapons. In December, consider traveling south for Theobald's "July Christmas in December" on Dec. 6. In January, the Barony of Three Rivers is hosting the Coronation of Anton & Isabeau on Jan. 10—where they will be holding a Fallen Crest Tourney—and "Winter War Maneuvers" will be happening in the Barony of Mag Mor on Jan. 17.

Finally, my time as Vatavia's Knight Marshal is winding down. I plan to step down in April, so I hereby request that anyone who is interested in taking on our group marshal position please submit letters of intent to Their Excellencies Donald & Zoe, the Seneschal Lord Ottarr, and myself. Deadline for letters will be January Officers Meeting.

Safe travels and fair weather,

Lord Corrigan MacKenzie

Knight Marshal

From the Archer Marshal

Greetings unto the populous of Vatavia,

As the months have gotten colder and windier we have moved practice indoors to Diamond Archery. There has also been some talk of doing practice every other Sunday instead of just once a month so some people can either get more practice or choose between the two Sundays to practice. If you have input feel free to contact me via email, phone, on Facebook or in person.

Also, we are going to be starting our crossbow project very soon and I will be putting out a list of items you will be needing to make your crossbow. Some of the items you will want to acquire yourself (wood and prod) so that you can get what you are wanting, some of the items I will provide and some of them we will get together so that we can get a better cost on materials.

On a final note, I have been the Vatavian Archer Marshal for a few years and I want to start training a replacement (we all step down at some time.) If you are interested in being the baronial Archer Marshal please come speak to me and we can chat about it. You don't have to have any experience in any office and I can help you get warranted for the position. I will show you everything you will need to know over the next few months and there are many experienced people in the barony that will back you up when you take over (including myself.)

Lord William Douglas

Baronial Archer Marshal, Vatavia

From the Caltrop Pursuivant

Good gentles all,

With Halloween now behind us, I would like to take a moment to give thanks where thanks are long overdue. I'm afraid my letter meant for the September Dragonflyer never reached its destination, for which I apologize. Thus I will now make amends. With all the heralding that was needed at Valor, I wish to thank everybody who came to help out with heralding matters at said event. This includes, from outside Vatavia, Mistress Dorcas and HL Konstantia (our Gold Falcon Herald), who provided invaluable aid at the heraldic consultation table and also lent their voices in time of need, either on the field, camp cries, or at Court. From within our Barony, I thank HE Marie Chantal DeLaire, Calontir's newest Herald Extraordinary and the one who set up and maintained the consult table throughout Valor; Lord Karl zum Drachen, for helping as a tournament card runner, camp cries, and assisting as needed when he could; and Robert Bruce (I apologize for blanking on your last name), who also stepped in as a card runner during the main Valor Tournament. From Theobald College, I thank Gwenne Melinnith for assisting with camp cries, going above and beyond the call of duty and thus keeping me from losing my voice.

After Valor, of course, came the RenFaire demo, and more heralding was needed that fine weekend. I give my thanks to Lords Corrigan and Ottar, Lady Francisca, and HE Sir Wulfric for assisting with crowd interaction and play-by-play commentary during our Armored Combat demonstrations. You all gave me a significant boost when I needed it the most, and for that I thank you all. Moreover, it appears our own dear Baroness Zoe did a fair bit of heralding whilst at Triumph of the Eclipse this past September, list-heralding for their Rapier Tournament. Well done, and a hearty huzzah into the bargain!

And now that the dust has settled from the Fall Crown Tournament and Octo-Bear Fest, I would be remiss if I did not reiterate that the Caltrop Office is always open for consultations on names and/or devices. You can contact me, my deputy Lord Karl, or HE Marie Chantal at any time for our input, advice, or just a simple opinion. Also, we will have events coming up in need of voice heralds; Toys For Tots (a herald-heavy event) and Masters of the Duel are both imminent as of this writing! We will especially need strong voices for Tft! Finally, as a brief reminder, Dec. 6 will be Theobald College's 'July Christmas in December' event, so let's see how many of us can go down to support our Theobald brethren.

Ever in Service,

Jóhann Steinarsson

Caltrop Pursuivant

From the Chatelaine

Unto the Glorious Awesome Barony of Vatavia, do I, your humble Chatelaine, send Greetings...

It has been a wonderful summer for our Barony... awesome events and Most Awesome Newcomers! Please take a moment and introduce yourself and welcome unfamiliar faces! These wonderful additions to our Awesome Barony are the Breath of the Future!

The Newcomer's Guild Faire on Oct 25 surpassed my wildest dreams! Many of our current members attended, and showed themselves so well; I'D have joined all over again! And the newcomers who attended were treated to the Awesomeness that is the SCA and Vatavia! I could not have been more thrilled with the whole day! A special thanks to the newly re-booted Cooking Guild, half of whom were very new newcomers, for their contribution to lunch with their Beercan Chicken.

Speaking of the rest of the day - the Night of the Living Zoo was the same weekend, and we are very grateful the Most Exceptional Marie Chantal for arranging the fun and games. Sometimes it fun to dress up, not in garb! Several of our newcomers showed up to help herd the wee beasties.

We have a couple of events coming up - Masters of the Duel, November 22, (stewarded by a newcomer), focusing on the newest activity to Calontir - Cut and Thrust!

The newest group to Calontir, Theobald College, is having their first official event December 6. Again - run by a whole slew of new-ish members!

The following weekend, December 13, is a wonderful traditional Calontir phenomenon - Kris Kinder. Save your ducats! This is THE place to spend them!

We will not be meeting at the church the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

We will be having a pot luck Yule dinner in December - please watch the calendar, dragonfly online and/or facebook for the date - most likely Populace, but not confirmed.

With all my adoration, In Service to the Dream,

Lady Deirdre de Warenne,

Chatelaine of the Most Awesome Barony of Vatavia

In the Glorious Kingdom of Calontir

Upcoming Events

Baronial events

Wednesday, November 19 - Populace, 7pm to 9pm
-VFW Post 112, South Topeka Street

Saturday, November 22 – Masters of the duel, 9am to 6pm
-Saint Patrick's Catholic School, 2023 N. Arkansas

Sunday, November 23 – Fighter Practice, Noon to 3pm
-Exploration Place, 300 N. McLean Blvd

Wednesday, November 26 – Arts and Sciences, 7pm to 9pm
-Martinson Avenue Christian Church, 1653 South Martinson

Sunday, November 30 – Fighter Practice, Noon to 3pm
-Exploration Place, 300 N. McLean Blvd

Wednesday, December 3 - Arts and Sciences, 7pm to 9pm
-Martinson Avenue Christian Church, 1653 South Martinson

Wednesday, December 3 – Officer's Meeting, 7pm to 9pm
-Martinson Avenue Christian Church, 1653 South Martinson

Sunday, December 7 – Fighter Practice, Noon to 3pm
-Exploration Place, 300 N. McLean Blvd

Wednesday, December 10 - Arts and Sciences, 7pm to 9pm
-Martinson Avenue Christian Church, 1653 South Martinson

Sunday, December 14 – Fighter Practice, Noon to 3pm
-Exploration Place, 300 N. McLean Blvd

Wednesday, December 17 - Populace, 7pm to 9pm
-VFW Post 112, South Topeka Street

Sunday, December 21 – Fighter Practice, Noon to 3pm
-Exploration Place, 300 N. McLean Blvd

Wednesday, December 24 - Arts and Sciences, 7pm to 9pm
-Martinson Avenue Christian Church, 1653 South Martinson

Sunday, December 28 – Fighter Practice, Noon to 3pm
-Exploration Place, 300 N. McLean Blvd

Kingdom events

Saturday, November 22 – Masters of the Duel

- Hosted by the Barony of Vavavia
- St. Patrick's catholic School, 2023 N. Arkansas, Wichita, KS, 67203
- Site opens at 9:00 AM
- Site Closes at 6:00 PM

Saturday, December 6 – Theobald's July Christmas in December

- Hosted by Theobald College
- 10706 312th Rd, Arkansas City, KS, 67005
- Site opens at 9:00 AM
- Site closes at 8:00 PM

Saturday, December 6 – Yule Court

- Hosted by the Barony of Coeur d'Ennu
- Heritage Assembly of God Church, 5051 NE 5th St. Des Moines, IA, 50313
- Site opens at 8:00 AM
- site closes at 10:00 PM

Saturday, December 13 – Kris Kinder

- Hosted by the Barony of Forgotten Sea
- Calvary Lutheran High School, 12411 Wornall Rd. Kansas City, MO, 64145
- Site opens at 9:00 AM
- Site closes at 7:00 PM

Theobald's **JULY CHRISTMAS**
in **DECEMBER**



Theobald college invites all good gentles to come and celebrate the winter holiday with them as they seek guardians to help train, guide, and guard their fledgling shire. Guardians are sought in the following disciplines:

- * **Heavy Combat**
- * **Archery**
- * **Arts & Sciences**

Schedule:

Morning Events

Heavy Combat & A&S Classes

Mid-day

Inn & A&S Competition Set-up
A&S Theme: Christmas - Anytime

Afternoon

Archery & Thrown weapons
A&S Judging

Evening

Feast & Ball



Take your best route to Arkansas City, KS. Follow HWY 77 south 1 3/4 miles past the Arkansas River Bridge to 322nd Road also known as IXL Road. Turn East (left) and go 3 1/2 miles to 91st Road. Turn back north (left) about 2 miles to 312th Road. Turn East (right) and follow the road just over a mile to the camp.

Lady Deidra de Warren will award the best heraldic display at the event

Site Fees:

Members - \$6

NonMembers - \$11

\$6+\$5 NMS

Feast - \$8

Make checks payable to -
SCA Inc. - Barony of Vavavia

Exact Menu
will depend upon
availability of ingredients

Feast Menu

Opening-

Breads, Cheeses, Fruit

1st Remove-

Soup & Dipping Bread

2nd Remove-

Chicken & Pork

3rd Remove-

Sweet Breads

Inn charges
independently

December 6th 9am - 8pm
Prairie View Christian Camp,

10706 312th Rd, Arkansas City, KS 67005

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