

# The Dragonflyer



For my  
lady's  
honour.



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# From the Baronage

Unto the Populace and Citizens of V'Tavia,

In future issues of the Dragonflyer, my lady and I will be publishing our intended travel schedule. This is an open invitation for our people to visit our camp or table during the events we travel to, and perhaps we can coordinate travel efforts, (carpool?). Let us emphasize that there will still be activity in the Barony while we are attending other events.

We admit that we are a little disturbed, but also heartened that people have so readily "jumped in" to help in a perceived problem in the last month or so. We are disturbed because people have not notified the baronage or the baronial officers and let us do our jobs of taking care of problems. We are heartened because there are so many willing to do work to see the barony improve. A simple few words of advise to those "eager-beavers", let the officers do their jobs. If you feel an officer is not performing adequately, talk to either the Seneschal, (Aunty Ceithlynn), or ourselves.

Let it be known that we now have an answering servant who is capable of taking good messages. Even if we are not home, you can let us know that we need to call you. Just leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as practical.

Your Baronage,

Tedrick and Aideen

### TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR BARONAGE: (T = Tedrick going, A = Aideen going)

Costuming Seminar, (Forgotten Sea)	4 Feb	A
Estrella War, (Barony of Estrella)	18 Feb	T
Coronation, (Standing Stones)	11 Mar	T & A





# From the Seneschal

Hail V'Tavia,

Hope your holidays were merry!  
It seems that the Demo season is upon us. The dates for the next three Cub Scout demos are Jan. 25, Feb. 9 and Mar. 28. To volunteer please contact Ld. Demetruis.

We (the Baronage and I) are accepting bids for Autocrat and Feastocrat for Valor. It's not too early to get started.

Please welcome Ld. Aelfric as the new Castellan. Many thanks to Lady Briallen for her work. She remains my primary deputy.

Don't forget to start working on Ren-Faire. Please consult Lady Hrafnhildr (call Raven) on all matters concerning Ren-Faire.

In Service  
Lady Ceithlenn nic  
Ruaidhri.OT

Fighter Demo\*\*\*\*\*

A fighter demo is scheduled for 2/9/89. Participants for that demo have already volunteered, but calm your heaving breasts (Did I say that?).... there ceilings which touch the sky and a location on S. Water, one block south of Harry (Church of Reformed Latter Day Saints).

Fighters are always welcomed. Ladies, as always, are more than welcome. Non-combatants of all persuasions are welcome. There will be dressing space for all sexes (different rooms). We will be recreating a legend which we created in the first place. It will pit an overwhelmingly large FORCE OF EVIL against a much smaller, but HONORABLE FORCE FOR GOOD. We know who will win don't we? Perhaps, you'll want to come and find out.

To volunteer, please call Demetrius on his far-speaker (777-0770); talk to the gnome who hears and remembers all. He will repeat anything you tell him after the beep.

# From the Knight Marshal

Greetings & Salutations fellow V'Tavians-(Hey, that's nice to say!)

Just a quick note (?) from your new Knight's Marshal- I think I've found us an indoor fighting site- the hall in Pawnee Plaza Mall. I don't have it pinned down precisely yet, so I'll let you know when we can "move in".

If you are interested in heavy weapons combat; light weapons combat; archery, both target and combat or any other activity associated with fighting, please call me and let me know. If I don't have your name and number, I can't let you know about practices and special events.

Fighters-Every time you authorize in a new weapons system it is your responsibility to let me know so I can put it on the official record. You might lose authorizations if the local marshal doesn't have records for you. Fighter cards will be renewed soon- I plan to do waiver signings over the next couple of months so we can send them to Syr Conn en Masse. Any questions? Ask me!

Hey, join us at fighter practice, Sundays 2pm! It's lots of fun and who knows...you might learn something fun and new? We will be working both individual and team tactics and skills.

If you want to participate in the Kansas Newman College Renaissance Faire as a fighter, I need to see your smiling faces and legal armour at practice. Don't panic- the sooner you show up, the easier it will be for us to help you class up your act.

The costume guild is willing to offer help with fighting garb, surcoats, tabards, etc. If questions, ask me.

Please let me know if you have suggestions for the Marsh-alette. Oh, by the way, non-combatants have ideas too! Writing things down makes sure I remember them.

Please call me before 10 pm - after that I am not responsible for what I might say--the number is 262-2974.

See you on the field-

RAVEN

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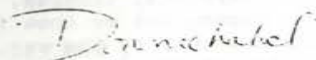
# From the Chronicler

Unto the Populace,

Greetings! At the last Dragonflyre meeting three topics were discussed. First, we will only be printing Officer's Reports in the issue following their Quarterly Reports. This is not to say that we will not accept reports whenever you feel the need to reach out to the populace, we are going to try to expand the Dragonflyre into a more educational and entertaining publication. We will still be printing the Baronial report because they are our leaders...AND WE DO LOOK TO THEM FOR GUIDANCE. Second; we will be giving you our recommendations on books, recipes, movies, and we will be more than happy to print your recommendations on these items and other subjects you may be interested in.

Please help us make this newsletter as good as it can be. Also, we would like to hear from you about your persona. Yes, you guessed it, a who's who---some thing to help people to better know and understand you. This will also be a way to help our new members to get started on there personas as well. Thats what we are all here for after all.

Yours in service,



Ld. Donnachadh MacAoghann

\*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION RENAISSANCE FAIRE PARTICIPANTS\*\*\*\*\*

\*THE RUMOR FLYING AROUND THAT RAVEN WANTS EVERYONE TO MAKE ELABORATE RENAISSANCE GARB TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KANSAS NEWMAN FAIRE IS INCORRECT\*\*\*\*\*

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A DEMONSTRATOR AT THE KANSAS NEWMAN RENAISSANCE FAIRE, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO MAKE A STAB AT GARB THAT WOULD FIT IN WITH THEIR THEME. THIS IS NOT A HARD FAST RULE, BUT SOME ATTEMPT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS NOT AN SCA EVENT, IT IS A "REAL WORLD" EVENT WHICH THE LOCAL SCA GROUP HAS BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN. THEREFORE, TO BE OUT AT THE FAIRE AS AN SCA EXHIBITER, I WOULD LIKE EACH PERSON TO PUT FORWARD THEIR BEST LOOK. "YOU ARE ON STAGE AND PERFORMING".

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO BE AN EXHIBITOR AT THE FAIRE, PLEASE ASK ME---IS MY ARMOUR OK? WHAT ABOUT THE GARB? JUST ASK---

IN SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY--

RAVEN

## If You Loved Me Then

February is traditionally the month of love. On a kingdom level, a Royal Court of Love will be held this month under our Princess. Since this is a relatively uncommon practice some background on the uses and jurisdiction of such tribunals may be useful.

There is much confusion about what a Court of Love is and what it does. There is a relative void of researchable information on the actual middle ages courts, with the one notable exception of a series of works started in the late 12th century by Andrew the Chaplain and continued through the early 17th century till completed by Martial d'Auvengne in around 1629. Most of the work is privately owned, but a handful of authors have had access to parts of it and published enough to work from.

According to these works, a Court of Love was a council composed of ladies of success, status, and beauty. Though not a rule, the vast majority were married or widowed, for when decisions were to be made, it was important that these ladies had experienced what they talked about. It was an open forum, wherein one could find solutions to disputes arising from the finer and more subtle points of love.

One traditional and published example had to do with a young woman's trouble with her lover. The lady complained that where once her lover had been lively and joyful and vital, he had become pensive and depressed. He saw no beauty in the world around him,, and even the minstrels songs made him bitter.

His response was to urge the understanding that in the service of love, pain and sorrow were necessary, and that there was no joy which was not purchased at the expense of a hundred sorrows. The loyal lover, he said, was bound to be the most sorrowful man in the world. He begged the court to be allowed to depart from the service of love in general.

His lady, however, stated that no such permission should be granted, and that started the accusations flying. By the end of the day, the court had reached it's decision. The gentleman was to be exiled into the country and held prisoner in a beautiful garden for the period of one month, so as to regain his sense of proportion and balance of thought. Furthermore, the young lady was to accompany him and remain there for the month or more, until he was quite cured.



The judgments of these courts were sufficiently of account, yet they still held a great deal of weight. A gentleman was required to act on any fair request, and since love is the province of emotion, and emotion was (and is) the specialty of ladies, their opinions were to be respected. To do otherwise was to risk public scorn. Also, in the formative years of the tribunals, the founders spread tales of the finding of scrolls listing the precepts of the courts. These scrolls were supposedly found chained to the necks of dragons or the talons of falcons, and guarded by the same sorcery and enchantment which created them. This mystical aspect lent some power and credibility to the tribunals themselves, and by the 13th century, there had been adopted a standard list of court precepts. Here is that list:

- 1 Marriage cannot be pleaded as an excuse for refusing to love.
- 2 A person who cannot keep a secret can never be a lover.
- 3 No one can truly love two people at the same time.
- 4 Love never stands still, it either grows, or dies.
- 5 Favours which are yielded unwillingly are tasteless.
- 6 A person of the male sex cannot be considered a lover until he has passed boyhood.
- 7 If one of two lovers dies, love must be forsworn at least two years in advance.
- 8 No one, when once a lover, can be deprived of his title without good reason indeed.
- 9 No one can love, unless the soft persuasion of love itself compels him.
- 10 Love is always an exile where avarice holds its dwelling
- 11 It is not becoming to love those ladies who love only with an eye to marriage.

- 12 A true lover never desires the favours of any but his own lady-love, out of true affection.
- 13 A love that has once been rendered common and commonplace as a rule never endures very long.
- 14 Too easy possession renders love contemptible. Possession with difficulty makes love a prize.
- 15 Every lover is accustomed to grow pale at the sight of his lady-love.
- 16 At the sudden and unexpected prospect of his lady, the heart of the true lover invariably palpitates.
- 17 A new love affair banishes the old entirely.
- 18 It is only worth and excellence that make a man worthy to be loved by a lady.
- 19 If love once begins to diminish, it quickly fades away as a rule, and rarely recovers.
- 20 A real lover is always the prey and anxiety of malaise
- 21 The affection of love invariably increases under the influence of jealousy.
- 22 When one of the lovers begins to entertain suspicion of the other, jealousy and love grow at once.
- 23 A person who is the prey of love eats little and sleeps less.
- 24 Every action of a lover terminates with the thought of the loved one.
- 25 A true lover thinks there is no happiness except in the pleasing of his beloved.
- 26 Love can deny nothing to love.

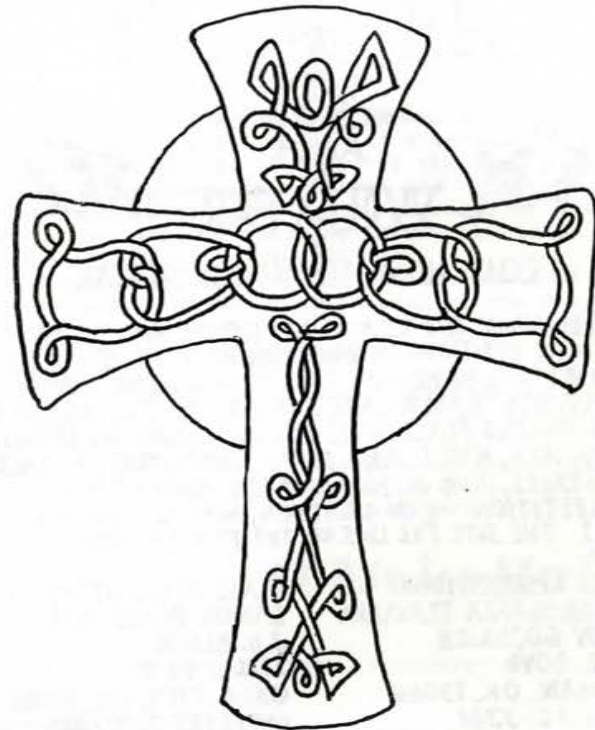
- 27 A lover can never be surfeited with the consolation his beloved might offer him.
- 28 A moderate presumption is sufficient to justify one lover in entertaining grave suspicions of the other.
- 29 Too great prodigality of favours is not advisable, for a lover who is wearied with a superabundance of pleasure is as a rule disinclined to love.
- 30 A true lover is enthralled with the perpetual image of his lady, which never leaves his mind.
- 31 Nothing prevents one lady or gentleman from being loved by more than one.

As you can see, the precepts in this list have stayed with us until today. Are they of enchanted origin? Probably not. One thing is for certain, however. In such a time as this, it is pleasing to begin the reinstatement of such a noble activity, and to all of us in Calontir the results should prove immensely profitable and enjoyable.

In service to the Dream  
Lucian Andrew Gray

(For more info refer to "Troubadors and Courts of Love" by J. F. RowBotham and "Origins and Sources of the Courts of Love" by William Nielson.)

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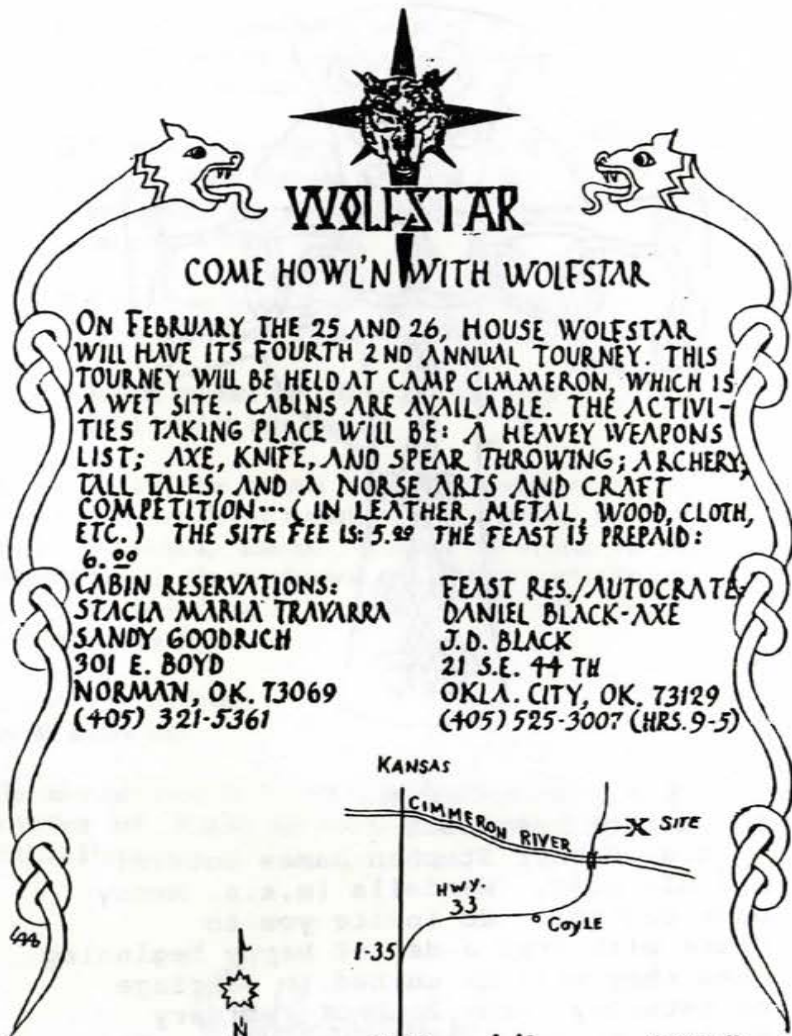


Ld. Robert the Scott  
(m.k.a. Robert Stephen James Botkin)  
and his Lady, Wendella (m.k.a. Wendy  
Jane Casteel) do invite you to  
share with them a day of happy beginning  
when they will be united in marriage  
on Saturday, the 25th of February  
Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine. At  
half past four in the evening.  
Colonial Assembly of God  
5200 S. Broadway  
Wichita, Ks.

There will be a Reception following.  
For more information call Robert the  
Scott.

Home.....267-0719  
Work.....681-3671

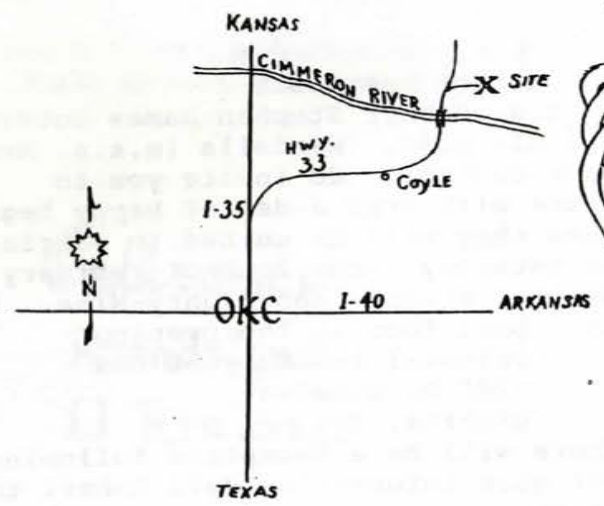




ON FEBRUARY THE 25 AND 26, HOUSE WOLFSTAR WILL HAVE ITS FOURTH 2ND ANNUAL TOURNEY. THIS TOURNEY WILL BE HELD AT CAMP CIMMERON, WHICH IS A WET SITE. CABINS ARE AVAILABLE. THE ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE WILL BE: A HEAVY WEAPONS LIST; AXE, KNIFE, AND SPEAR THROWING; ARCHERY, TALL TALES, AND A NORSE ARTS AND CRAFT COMPETITION... ( IN LEATHER, METAL, WOOD, CLOTH, ETC.) THE SITE FEE IS: 5.<sup>00</sup> THE FEAST IS PREPAID:

6.<sup>00</sup>  
 CABIN RESERVATIONS:  
 STACIA MARIA TRAYARRA  
 SANDY GOODRICH  
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 21 S.E. 44 TH  
 OKLA. CITY, OK. 73129  
 (405) 525-3007 (HRS. 9-5)



# To the Fighters

The sound of the sharpening of swords filled the air in the Barony after the Champion of V'tavia Earl Sir Edward Cire called together the fighters of the Barony.

Spring is rapidly approaching, and rumblings of discontent & war have reached the land, Estrella as proof. To that end it was decided that the Barony should be prepared if called on to support the King in War.

Of course many are aware of the formation of the Kingdom War College and, with the full consent of the Baronage, the plans for the training of the V'tavian Militia began.

Commanding the Batalions, that Cire will lead : are Earl Sir Gabriel & Ld. Larence the Leech. Also chosen to Sergeant each unit were Ldy. Raven, Ld. Gwain, Ld.Reynaldo, and Ld. Torin. Final dispersian of troops to the proper unit will be announced later.

War tactics, unit training, and weapon proficiency are planned to be emphasised, however the main desire, as Sir Edward Cire has stated, is to help develop better fighters, scouts, and people.

*Ed. Aindoo & Earl Sir Edward Cire*

\*\*\*\*\*CALENDAR: FEBRUARY\*\*\*\*\*

FIGHTER PRACTICE: 5, 12, 19, 26 Dates subject to change. For more information and location contact Knight Marshall Ly. Raven

DRAMA: 6, 20 at the home of Demetrius il Condottierri, Ld.

COSTUMING: 13, 27 at ZavaK and Raven's Clubhouse at 7:00 pm

ARMORING/ ARCHERY/ SMITHING: 21, 28 at Dwarves' Foot at 7:00 pm

ESTRELLA: 19 at Estrella National Park, Arizona

COSTUMING SIMINAR: 4 Overland Park

NEVERLANDS: 25; Liberal Ks

DRAGONFLYRE MEETING: Feb. 23 at 7:00 pm at Rhondalynn's

POPULACE MEETING: 22nd location to be decided

OFFICERS MEETING: 14 at Countess Elizabeth's

WOLFSTAR: 25 its fun in Oklahoma

ROBERT THE SCOTT AND WENDELLA'S WEDDING: 25 Colonial Heights Assembly of God reception to follow be there at 4:30

CORINATION: March 12 in Columbia , Mo. never to early to start getting ready



ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\*\*\*\*Call for Artisans\*\*\*\*\*

Show off your work! Show off your vast knowledge to interested Wichitans --- Demonstrate your incredible talents to people who will hang on your very word--Gather your artistic works together to show at the Kansas Newman Renaissance Faire. Contact Raven (262-2974) for more information--

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Wanted: One nose of an Egyptian Sphinx  
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Body Covers in Wichita will make parti-colored tights. They do not make a period item, but it looks reasonable. They will provide a discount if two or more pairs are ordered at the same time. They may be willing to provide a bigger discount if many pairs are ordered at the same time. They have some color limits. If you are interested, please contact Ld. Demetrius so we can all save. (777-0770).

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Drama Group: Will meet Alternate Mondays at 7:00. The first meeting in 1989 will be Jan 23rd at the house of Demetrius Other meetings are Feb 6th ( the meeting Feb. 20th will not be held due to the War ( Estrella)), March 6th and 20th. Meeting locations change, please call Demetrius for information (777-0770). The Drama group would benefit from the influence of more members of the gentler sex.  
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The Dragonflyre Staff would like to wish their most sincere Congradulations to Ld. Robert the Scott and his Lady Wendella on their upcoming wedding. May you have many happy years together, and may Robs sporan never come between you.  
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Chainmail Weaving will now also be taking place at Costuming at Zavak and Raven's Clubhouse



# Baronial Officers

BARON- Sir Tedrick von Wolfschatten  
( Ted Hagar ).....529-2281  
BARRONESS- Ldy. Aideen the Audacious  
(Jane Hagar ).....529-2281  
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SENESCHAL- Ldy. Ceithlenn Nic Ruaidhri  
( Amy Billington ).....685-1182  
PURSUIVANT-Countess Eliabeth Du Rossignol  
( Lisa Mohr).....522-7670  
TREASURER- Corwin MacCailein  
( Robert McQuillen).....683-5463  
MOA- Ldy. Phillipa Lloyd de Tarifa  
( Patricia Gardner ) .....942-1045  
MOS- Aubrey Kendall of Rosewood  
( Ken Snyder).....775-5075  
KNIGHT MARSHAL- Ldy. Hrafnhildr O Llandyssol, Ldy. Raven  
( Lisa Day ).....262-2974  
ARCHER MARSHALL- Ld. Stephen of Firefall  
( Steven Burris ).....733-1936  
CHRONICLER- Ld. Donnechahd MacAoghann  
( Tim Carter ).....682-0252  
LUCHISTNIK- Ld. Bear  
( David Pitchers ).....465-3620  
CHAMPION- Earl Sir Edward Cire  
( Eric Mohr ).....522-7670  
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( David Moreno ).....685-1182  
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( Lisa Cooper ).....685-3152  
CASTELLAN- Ld. Aelfric Frithariksson  
( Allen Leddon ).....267-5913

