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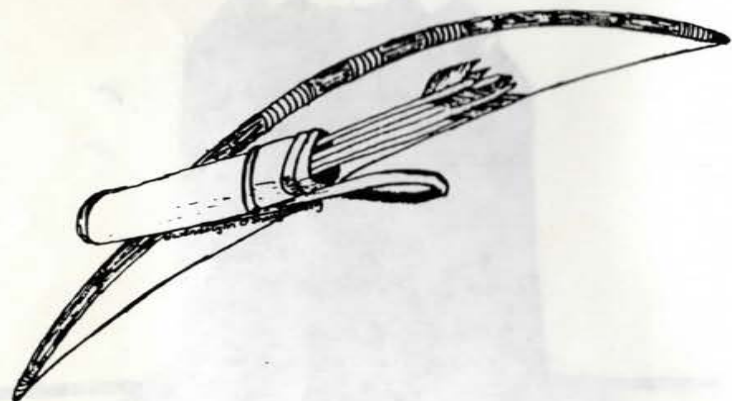
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# From The Baronage

## CHRONICLE OF CALONTIR CROWN TOURNEY XII

by Tedrick von Wolfschatten

The hours of travel to reach our destination passed pleasantly on the Greymore War Wagon, as the fighters tried to get some sleep, and the ladies gossiped about who would, (and wouldn't) be fighting in the Crown List and how this or that person might do. The fighters tried to ignore the whispered conversations, even though they were interested, also. We arrived at the site in the chill of the night, and said hello to those we knew, who were awake. Camp was set just in time to see the glow of the impending dawn.

The first day was spent in a various pursuits. It began with Thier Majesties, Thoman Shadan and Alix, holding court. The most notable occurrence was the announcement of the knighting of Volkmar Katzbalger, (a.k.a. Dirge), at a future date. After court, some people went to the bardic competitions, or to see what the merchants had to sell. Others attended the Kingdom Althing, and still others haunted the camps, preparing weapons and armor for what was to come. The evening brought the Mews fund raising auction, to which many people donated items and services. In that good cause, \$1200 was raised to help support our kingdom newsletter.

The change in the atmosphere of the event was as dramatic as the change in the weather. It was cold and damp in the camp on the day of the tourney. Everyone eagerly anticipated the coming list. First court was held to introduce combatants and consorts to the Crown and populace. Twenty-two fighters, (19 lords and 3 ladies), were entered. In one instance, Count Sir Valens was fighting for, and was being fought for by, Lady Ariel of Glastonbury. The tensions of the fighters was evident by the hesitant speeches of introduction of thier consorts to the Crown. Their Majesties graciously presented each couple with a favor to the fighter, a flower to the consort and a scroll to each.

After the introductions, the combatants ajourned to a meeting to discuss the weather, and whether to fight outside in the wind and rain or to fight in the great pavilion, on the stone floor. After considerable debate, the outside shelters and list field were brought forth, to maximize the comfort of all on the wet wind swept field of the Crown Tourney.

V'Tavia was well represented by Lord Gwayne ap Tristam, Lord Aelfrik Fritharikson, His Lordship Lawrence Taliefer the Leech, Baron Sir Tedrick von Wolfschatten, and Earl Sir Gabriel ap Morgan; however, numbers do not tell in the one-on-one double elimination lists of Crown Tourney. The bouts were fought well with chivalry and honor being the norm, not the exception. We can be proud of each of the warriors of V'Tavia.

After hours of combat, the field was clear of all contenders except Lawrence, Tedrick, Lord Duran and His Lordship Volkmar Katzbalger. The semi-finals were paired as Lord Duran, (coming from the losers' tree), against Volkmar, and Lawrence, (also coming from the losers' tree), against Sir Tedrick. The four combatants presented themselves to the Falcon Crowa saying that they believed that no matter which of them would see the victory, that they could and would gladly support each other. The longer, more arduous path of the loser's tree seemed to take it's toll as Tedrick and Volkmar emerged victorious from the semi-finals.



The consorts to the two finalists were invited to the list field by the Crown. Lady Isadora of Orangewood and Baroness Aideen both were obviously nervous as they were escorted by the assembled Chivalry to the list field. They were to indeed be witness to the honor of thier lords, as they would stand within twenty feet during the finals.

Tradition in Calontir is that the finals be fought in three bouts. First one finalist will choose a weapon system for both fighters to use in the first bout, then the second finalist chooses the weapon system to be used in the second bout. If a third bout is required, each finalist may use whatever system he or she wishes. The first round of this Crown Tournament was fought with sword and shield, with that round going to Tedrick. The next round was pole-arm, which went to Volkmar. The final round, as agreed on by both contenders, was greatsword, which went again to Volkmar.

There was much revelry that night, although, the celebration was cut short by several wind storms. The feast was grand and the court impressive. The bardic circles went on until early the next morning.

Dawn was bright and clear. Camps were cleaned, cleared and packed away. Hugs, well wishes, and farewells abounded. Many travelers began their treks toward home. As the Greymoor Warwagon pulled out of the site, we knew that the folk were satisfied that the future of the realm was in good hands.



herald's nightmare #5  
a squire taunting above  
2 smalls saliant frustrated

# From The Pursuivant

VATAVIAN BARONIAL COURT  
June 17, AS XXIV (1989)

Court was convened at approximately 8 p.m. by Their Excellencies Tedrick and Aideen. The following official business was transacted—

Citizenship cord—Searlaith

Victory in Competition—Hywela Frech ferch Wyddel

Achievement in Sciences—Lawrence Taillefer the Leech  
Gawayne ap Tristram  
Leonardo de Kalimari

Achievement in the Arts—Gabriel ap Morgan  
Andrew Asher (X2)  
Hywela Frech ferch Wyddel  
Caitrin ni Ruadhri  
Kera de Jorses  
Philippa Lloyd de Tarifa  
Demetrius il Condottiero  
Annys de Vernun of Kettering  
Thomas Bacon  
Caitrin ni Ruadhri  
Kasimira  
Andre Miguel de la Croix  
Odindisa  
Searlaith  
Aubrey Kendall of Rosewood

Acts of Dedication—Kera de Jorses  
Elisabeth de Rossignol  
Edward Cire of Greymoor  
Philippa Lloyd de Tarifa  
Briallen ferch Vikingr  
Gawayne ap Tristram  
Reynald il Bianco  
Hywela Frech ferch Wyddel  
Kasimira  
Demetrius il Condottiero  
Andrew Asher  
Eoin Scott na Daigniche  
Leonardo de Kalimari  
Aubrey Kendall of Rosewood  
Steffan Egan O'Bannon  
Gideon the Wainwright  
Gwendolyn O'Shaughnessy  
Annys de Vernun of Kettering  
Lora Anne the Silent  
Andre Miguel de la Croix  
Casimir  
Jonathan Stewart





Michael  
Dirik von Rosswald  
Griffith ap Gabriel

Zeman Straz--Gwendolyn O'Shaughnessy  
Steffan Egan O'Bannon

Veslar--Aubrey Kendall of Rosewood  
Jonathan Stewart  
Thorgrim Hrothgarsson  
Magnus O'Carson  
Robert the Scot

Golden Heart--Gabriel ap Morgan  
Caitrin ni Ruadhri  
Hrafnhildir o Landyssul

Lucistnik--Gwendolyn O'Shaughnessy

Champion--Gabriel ap Morgan

Arts and Sciences Champion--Elisabeth de Rossignol

Other business included the announcement of the winners of the Arts and Sciences categories of the Championship, being Lawrence Taillefer the Leech for armoring and Demetrius il Condottiero for poetry. Chrystopher Kensor was honored with a presentation scroll for placing first in the Champion's tourney, although as a nonresident he was not eligible for the position.

Presentations were made to the Barony by Leonardo de Kalimari of last year's Valor notebook, and to the DDT Players by Demetrius il Condottiero. Andrew Asher announced a bardic competition, announcements were made regarding Valor and the Cooking Symposium, and Thorgrim Hrothgarsson was duly tormented by the Brass Hat Commando Chorus in honor of his birthday.

Schtick included quest results from Robert the Scot and Reynald il Bianco, and a Court of Love.

Court was adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m.

--Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol  
Caltrop Pursuivant

Zrni the Lost  
Donnechahd MacAofghann

## From The Chronicler

Greetings unto the Populace,

It is great pleasure I wish to say that you should now be receiving your subscription of this newsletter on time. At least for this month or until we find a new Chronicler. At any rate I hope to be able to do alot for the Dragonflyre in what ever limited capacity it may be. Any help from you budding writers and artisians will always be welcomed.

I personally would like to be able to print more historical information. As well as how-tos, Bardic sections, cooking articles, and some good humor thrown in here and there. Art work is always in great demand. We need cartoons, borders, fillers such as weapons commonly used during the Middle Ages. Certainly there is someone besides me with an interest in weapons. Not likely right? We need good book reviews as well as movie reveiws. These must be something from the Middle Ages however (no reviews on Batman). We also want to know who you are especially you new personas. How about some war reports, those are good and usually interesting for those of us who remained at the castle to protect it from invading horded and otherwise keep the home fires burning.

At any rate it is my pleasure to give you this Dragonflyre. Thanks for baring with me ,my poor spelling, my run-on sentences, and my many typos.

In service,

Gwendolynn O'Shaughnessy

## From The Luchistnik

Greetings and all that stuff,

It is me again only this time as the Luchistnik. For those who do not know this word, it means the archer champion. I really don't feel any different than before, there are any number of fine archers that could have taken this position. But, being that I'm here I would like to spur on more interest in the sport of archery here in Vativa. I would like to see us go to more events and participate in the archery compitions and bring home honors for our Barony. Few of us here participate in Kingdom level archery. People who are really serious I would encourage you to pick up your own equipment. This being of course your bow and arrows. The Archer Marshall is there to help you all and get you started but he can not furnish you equipment forever, let's face it folks. Just like fighters you need your own stuff.

I also would like to encourage our archers to become combat archers. They are becoming a force to be recognized with in the field at some of these wars. Would it not be great to go to a war and field not only the greatest fighters but some of the best archers, too? It is a fairly new addition to the SCA so there are alot of things to be ironed out yet.





If we are not there we can not do any of the ironing. Lt. Tristin has field experience in these things so I suggest that you talk to him or I at archer practice.

We are also interested in having ~~TEAM~~ shoots for our authorized archers. For those of you who do not know what this is it is where you shoot 6 arrows for x amount, and having your scores kept thus being sent to the Kingdom Archer General. It is real good practice for the real thing too. You have to be a paid member of the SCA for starts, be an authorized archer, and be shooting with nothing but wooden shafted arrows, and recurve, longbows, and yes crossbows. This is done at 20 yds., 30 yds., and 40 yds.. I have even seen it done at 50 yds. This also involves some speed shooting. I'm afraid the time escapes me, but Lt. Stephen or Lt. Tristin know these things being that they are authorized Archer Marshalls. This is something I also wish to look into here real soon. Due to lack of targets and space, and the wonderful turnouts we have been having on tuesday nights. It is my intention to hold the ICAK shoots on a Thursday night one week a month and restrict all other shooting on that night only. How does this sound to everyone? Do you have any suggestions that may be of help to us? If you do please get in touch, we will be happy to talk to you. You may call me at 262-1104 but not after 9:30 at night.

In service,  
Gwendolynn O'Shaughnessy



What is my persona?

By Ly. Marie Chantal

The answers in alphabetical order

- 10 Aelfric Fritharikksson
- 6 Aindries Asher
- 12 Andre Miguel de la Croix
- 9 Ceithlenn nic Ruaidhri
- 2 Conn Dryhtguma of Mar
- 14 Donnechald Mac Aoghann
- 3 Gabriel ap Morgan ap Hywel
- 8 Hywela Frech Ferch Wyddel
- 11 Leonardo de Kalimari
- 5 Odindisa the Grim
- 7 Phillipa Lloyd de Tarifa
- 13 Robert of the Woodlands
- 4 Tedrick von Wolfschatten
- 1 Frair Thomas Bacon
- 6 Tuia Kynara of Illyricum

When Was That Which Came First (Middle Ages Only)

By Ly. Marie Chantal

- 2 Assassin sect founded in Persia 1090
- 3 The first Crusade 1096
- 5 Explosives first used in battle 1161
- 6 Magna Carta 1215
- 1 Canute invades England 1019
- 4 Thomas Becket is killed 1155
- 7 Rockets first used in battle 1232
- 8 Marco Polo visits Kublai Khan 1271

- 4 Papal see moved to Avignon 1305 *Religion*
- Franciscan order by Francis of Assissi 1210
- 3 Augustinian order started by Pope Alexander IV 1256
- 5 Fall of Constantinople 1453
- 2 Dominican order founded by Saint Dominic 1215

- 1 Charlemagne King of the Franks 771 *Rulers*
- 3 Egbert recognized overlord by other English Kings 828
- 5 MacBeth kills Duncan, becomes King of the Scots 1040
- 4 Alfred the Great 871
- 2 Scotland unified 844

- 4 Charlemagne has an encyclopedia started 978 (1,000 vol)
- 1 Muhammad begins dictating the Koran 625
- 3 Anglo Saxon Chronicles 891 *Liter.*
- 6 Magna Carta 1215
- 5 Domesday Book 1086
- 2 Lindisfarne Gospels 700

- 1 Vikings start invading Ireland 620
- 4 Danes invade Britian 787
- 2 Muhammad dies 632
- 5 Magna Carta 1215
- 3 Last Coptic rebellion in Egypt 772

- 4 Eric the Red discovers Greenland 981
- 3 Hrolf the Granger and Rollo the Viking granted Normandy 911 by the Franks
- 1 Papal States established 756
- 7 Norman conquest of Sicily ends 1091
- 2 Iceland discovered by the Vikings 861
- 6 William the Norman conquers England 1066
- 5 Eastern (Byzantine) Church breaks away from the Roman Church 1054



Samurai Katana (Museum Ref: 2546)



### THE MEANING OF CHIVALRY

The term Chivalry, while often used, seems to have a vague definition for many of those who use it. Many of us think of chivalry as the qualities of being a knight or of knighthood, but the underlying theories behind the concept depicted ideals that were as proper and useful to the common man as to any knight.

Many of the qualities of chivalry are based on status, for in the time of the reign of this philosophy, the manner of one's lifestyle directed his abilities in such matters as education and formal manners. The true and assured meaning behind chivalry was one of being gently born, gentle mannered, truthful, faithful, courteous to women, pure, brave and fearless, unsparing of self, filled with deep religious feeling, bowing before God and womankind, but haughty in the presence of all others.

Being all of gentle birth, we may all learn much from a study of the qualities and virtues of the chivalric age. Honor, piety, and love must hold strong against superstition, ferocity, and lust. Courage must win over cowardice, faith over intolerance, and piety over ego.

It is imperative that we keep in mind that chivalry exists everywhere, not only on the battlefield or tournament ground. A

point of honor is as easily granted in a conversation or thought as in a fight, and the results are often more effective and more noticeable. Chivalry is something that is far from dead, something which is carried on in the faith of its followers. It is not to be sought after for its value in gaining recognition. It is only to be pursued in a selfless way, for any other method of attempting to achieve this worthy ambition will result in failure. When one is truly able to hold his own head high while dealing with the world around him in a manner that reflects pure heart, strong will, and deep devotion to his cause, then one truly holds chivalry high, and keeps it alive for all to see and follow.

In Service

Casimir Cosznozyck

For further reading on the topic, I suggest the following - my sources:

- 1 Ideals and Practice of Medieval Knighthood II Harvey and Harper
- 2 Dictionary of Medieval Knighthood and Chivalry Broughton
- 3 The reign of Chivalry Barber





# Bardic Corner



The Warrior's Cry

Seana MacLeod

Clouds gather grey in the skies;  
 I hear the drums in the distance;  
 The sounds roll across the hills  
 with the mists.  
 The gods play war as a game of chance  
 I hear the Warrior's cry.  
 The smell of anxious horses  
 and muscled warriors wrapped in leather and metal,  
 Bowmen ready arrows on taugt sinew and bone  
 behind a shieldwall;  
 We are ready for battle  
 And I hear the Warrior's Cry.  
 With my shield on my left arm  
 and blade in my right hand  
 my heart pounds in my chest  
 and I am ready;  
 Our King calls us to defend our comrades land.  
 I hear the Warrior's Cry.  
 Bound by chains of Honor  
 and an oath of Loyalty,  
 standing by our banner  
 under our Falcon's wing.  
 Proudly living our fealty:  
 I hear the Warrior's Cry.



Celtic Leaf-bladed Sword

Circa 1500 - 700 BC  
 "Celtic Warriors" by Tim Newark  
 original of bronze, British Museum  
 (Museum Peplias #6) London, England

# Calendar

SUNAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Sillies 2	3	4	5	6	7	Sillies 8
Fighter Pac 9	Costuming 10	Archery Meeting 11	Dance 12	13	14	15
Fighter Pac 16	Desana 17	Archery 18	19	TRAC 20	21	22
Siberkingdom	Smilking	Archery 25	Populace 26	Dragonfire 27	28	29
Fighter Pac 23	Costuming 24	25	Dance 26	27	28	29
30	31					
Fighter Pac 30	Costuming 31					



# Announcements

Attention all persons that received scout authorizations last year or wish to receive scout authorizations this year. Contact Ld. Tristan ASAP at 683-4055 or at Archery Practice. New authorizations must be done for all scouts not currently holding a valid authorization card.

Attention all combat Archers or persons wishing to become combat archers see the Luchistnik Gwendolynn or Tristan at Archery Practice at first opportunity.

Custom made car tags-Household, name or both. Made out of cast aluminium. Painted one color of your choice. Prices start at \$13.00 with 6 letter, 50¢ for each additional letter. If interested see Gwendolynn for details or call 262-1194.

Chainmail <sup>mail</sup>coifs custom designed started at \$50 and up. Call for more information 316-683-4965 Ld. Tristan

Anyone needing archery applies please call Ld. Stephan at 783-1936

General information from the SCA-Barony of Vatavia call 685-7373

Last call for updating the list for the census. Next chance will be after the first of the year. Contact the local Seneschal- Ly. Ceithlenn

No minors will be allowed at this years Valor without their parents! Also no swimming will be allowed with out a life guard (a card holding one authorized by the state of Kansas). There will be no exceptions to this rule. Its for your own safety people.

## Art Credits

Gwendolynn O'Shaughnessey  
Herald's Nightmare #5  
Ly. Marie Chantal

# Baronial Officers

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(Ted Hager).....529-2281  
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(Jane Hager).....529-2281

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(Lisa Mohr).....522-7670  
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(Robert McQuillen).....683-5463  
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MOS-Aubrey Kendall of Rosewood  
(Ken Snyder).....775-5075  
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(Lisa Day).....262-2974  
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(Lisa Cooper).....685-3162  
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(Allen Heddon).....262-5011

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