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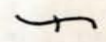
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From the Baroness of V'tavia:



Unto The Populace of V'tavia:

Champion's Tourney is not that far off. For the fighters and archers out there, you know what you have to do.

For those of you who do the arts and sciences, now is **Not** too early to start on (or finish) your wonderful projects. Please enter your items!!!!!!

Three items are necessary to be eligible for the Arts and Sciences Championship. This does not mean you cannot enter one or two pieces, or more than three. It simply means that to be considered for the Arts and Sciences Championship, you must have at least one entry in the Arts and one in the Sciences, and one more in your choice.

Handwritten signature or initials: AIDEEP

Letters to the Populace

Hail unto the Populace,

I am glad to say that finally my staff is growing. What's even better they actually show up and work. I thank you all.

Now that Valor is over and was a success, we can concentrate on fall and winter activities. Hopefully with inclement weather will come more submissions concerning art and writing. How about some new songs for us all? Now is the time for our Bards to crawl out of the woodwork.

Arts and Science projects should get started for next spring. Now is the time to share stories of this summer's events around a nice fire with good company and warm drinks.

Personally, I wish to thank the people who recommended me for my AoA. I am very proud of this award as well as my Luchisnik award. I somehow feel that I never really do enough in the SCA because of one thing or another. Alas, the real world keeps getting in the way.

In service,

Gwendolynn O'Shaughnessey

Unto the Populace of V'Tavia

Greetings,

I write to offer thanks to those who recommended me to TRM Shadan and Alix for an Award of Arms. It came as a "pleasant surprise" (read TOTAL SHOCK!).

I have never seen a letter of this type in the Dragonflyre, or anywhere else, for that matter. I am not sure why. There are those that say getting an AoA is "no big deal." And, in the grand scheme of things, I guess it isn't. But for a person who still considers herself somewhat of a newbie (seeing where I could go and what I might want to do and knowing I've just started and it seems an awfully long way;...), this seems a great leap (one small step in the SCA, one giant leap in the self-esteem of a person).

It helps to remember that in the "mundane" world we often receive so little praise, when just a little praise could be all it takes to better all our lives considerably. (Great Oaks start as small acorns; mighty cathedrals start from that first, "small" cornerstone,). That was part of what appealed to me when I joined the SCA -- the encouragement to try, to attain, and praise for attempting.

I'm not at all sure why I was recommended, but I am grateful that I was, and I again offer my thanks to those who brought me to this level; know that I shall endeavor to be worthy of this honor (I want no one regretting their faith in me).

In humble service to V'Tavia,

Lady Saerlaith Nic Ulliam O'Ceallaigh

Unto the Populace of V'Tavia:

Hi! My name is Deardre nic Cameron. I just wanted to say I had the time of my life working in the tavern at Valor.

People's faces lit up when we asked them what they'd like to have. Many were surprised to find us not only waiting on them, but supplying feast gear if necessary. A lot of laughing and good-natured teasing went on between the patrons and the ambiance was wonderful.

One man played a full-sized harp in the corner all day, just simple background music, perfect for a quiet afternoon. I wish I had learned his name, for there were many who wanted to compliment him.

As crazy as it sounds, it was fun running through the kitchen, grabbing the food, pouring the drinks (you wouldn't believe the ten-gallon containers they tried to pass off as mugs--especially for morning coffee), rush back out, present the patrons with their food, and dash to the next one for their order. I loved it! Everyone smiled, thanked me, and thoroughly enjoyed it.

The highest compliment I felt the Blooded Axe received was, "You helped make the Dream come true". I hope the tavern will continue for many more events to come.

In Service to the Dream,

Deardre nee Cameron

Book Review: The TimeFrame Series

The newest offering from Time-Life Books covers prehistoric man through 1900 A.D., each volume covering a specific century or number of centuries. I have found these books very readable history.

The first dealing with S.C.A. period is *TimeFrame A.D. 600-800: The March of Islam*. Not only does this volume cover the rise of Islam and the resultant Muslim empire, but the reader journeys to China to the beginnings of the Tang empire, to Japan, and to Europe, where the grandson of Charles Martel (who had halted the Moors from their sweep into France) is crowned the first Holy Roman Emperor.

Each book has beautiful photographs of actual artifacts of the time period and places written of, detailed yet easy to read maps, and (as far as I can tell) historically accurate color illustrations of the people and what they wore and looked like. One or two shorter essays punctuate each volume, presenting a subject in more detail, either in writing or in exquisite photographs or drawings. At the end of each book is a comprehensive bibliography.

Not all of the projected 20 volumes are yet out. Some of them may be found at the Westlink branch of the Wichita Public Library. I have only seen six there, those volumes covering A.D. 600 to 1400.

I usually don't care to read history books, finding most of them extremely dry, but these are not dry. They are well-written and always interesting, and well worth reading. I recommend the general researcher to try any one or all of these books.

Lady Phillipa Lloyd de Tarifa

The Valavia Collegium

On October 28, 1989, Valavia will host its first collegium, or set of classes. The site is 7110 W. Central (Northwest General Practice). Parking is across the street in the shopping center parking lot. Site fee is \$1.50, and the site opens at 8:30 for registration. Classes start at 10:00 a.m. and will run until 5 p.m., with a 1 hour break for lunch at 1 p.m. Come prepared to learn and have fun. All classes are one hour long unless otherwise stated.

Classes are as follows:

Armor Overview: Medieval and S.C.A., Lawrence Taillefer the Leech. A look at period armor and why it worked the way it did, and at S.C.A. armor, and the differences and similarities between the two.

What is a Celt?, Countess Hywela frech ferch Wyddel. A brief history of the Celtic tribes and who and what they became, and what persona a person can have and be--or not be--a Celt.

Beginning Needlework, Countess Hywela frech ferch Wyddel. Basic types of needlework and basic stitches.

Beginning Herbalism, Aelfric Fritharikkson. An introduction to herbs and their many uses and pleasures.

Costume before 1400, Countess Elisabeth du Rossignol. A look at costume of northwest Europe before 1400 A.D.

Costume after 1400, Countess Elisabeth du Rossignol. A look at costume of northwest Europe after 1400 A.D.

Period Foods, Countess Elisabeth du Rossignol. What is, what isn't period to put in your mouth, and where to find it out.

Norse Culture: At Home, Odindisa the Grim. An overview of Norse culture other than the Vikings on the rampage.

Ramblings of a Wild Seneschal, Ceithlern nic Ruaidhri. The seneschal reveals all.

Philosophical Roots of Heraldic Research, Gawayne ap Tristam. Who knows where heraldry came from? Will this class answer the question?

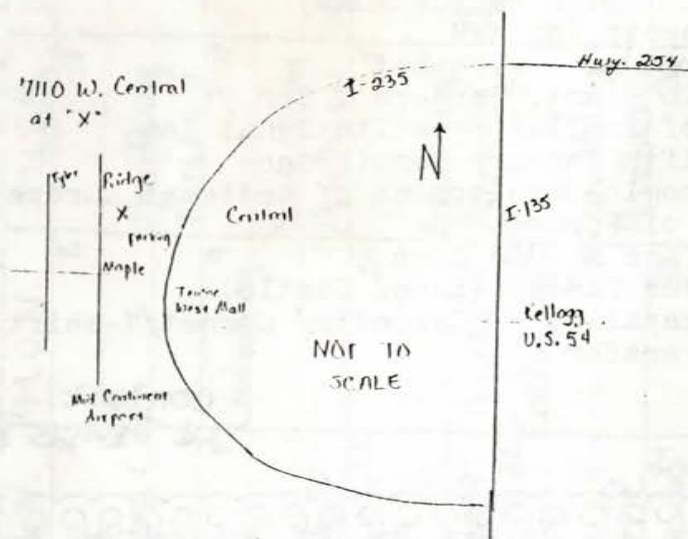
Castles, Friar Thomas Bacon. Everything you wanted to know about castles and probably a lot you didn't. A two hour class.

Crash space is limited, but available. Contact the autocrat early, or make private arrangements. A brief baronial court will follow the collegium.

Autocrat: Lady Phillipa Lloyd de Tarifa, aka Patricia Gardner
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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

TIME	OFFICE	CONFERENCE ROOM
10:00	<i>Beg. Needlework</i>	<i>Armor Overview</i>
11:00	<i>Roots of Heraldic Research</i>	<i>Costume Before 1400</i>
12:00	<i>What's a Celt?</i>	<i>Costume After 1400</i>
2:00	<i>Period Foods</i>	<i>Castles (2 hours)</i>
3:00	<i>Beg. Herbalism</i>	
4:00	<i>Ramblings of Wild Seneschal</i>	<i>Norse Culture: At Home</i>



The Stock Clerk Inventory

3	Known World Handbooks	7.00	
2	Fighter Handbooks	7.00	
5	Corpora	2.00	
1	Castles of Britian	4.00	
3	Queen Carols Guide	1.50	
4	CA # 22 Heraldry	2.00	
1	CA # 4 Indoor Games	2.00	
1	CA # 1 Eye Glasses	2.00	
3	Marshal Handbooks	3.00	
1	CA # 37 Archery	2.00	
3	Law of V'tavia	1.00	
1	Elf Hill Song Book	II.00	
1	Slavic Splendor (Costume)	5.00	
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1	Illuminated Alphabet	3.50	
2	Celtic Beast, Borders & Script	9.00	
Source of English Constitutional Law			1.00
The Twelfth Century Renaissance			3.50
The Economic Development of Medieval Europe			5.00
Castles of Europe			10.00
Life in the Middle Ages			25.00
A Crusader Castle (paper Castle)			5.00
65	Principality of Calontir/ Cornet/T-shirt transfer	.50	

contact
Ld Thomas Bacon

Calendar of Events

		October						
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Fighter P		Smithing Archery		Officers M.				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
	Costuming			Bardic				
Fighter P	16	Smithing Archery	SCA Basics					
15		17	18	19	20	21		
					Rush	Three Rivers		
Fighter P	23	Smithing Archery	Populace					
22	Costuming	24	25	Bardic	26	27	28	
Fighter P	30	Smithing Archery		J.K.A.C.				
Shadowdole		31						
Decennial Fighter P.								

Announcements

SCA: Basics III: Simple belt making. Cost at 7:00 p.m. October 11th. At Ala of Featherstone's (Carol's) Clubhouse. Please wear garb. For directions, call Ala-524-0919

Drama

All persons interested in Theatre, drama, or Commedia del Arte, please call Demetrius. There is only one Drama meeting planned now. That is on October 16, at 7:00 p.m. (mundane time) at the home of Demetrius. I need to know who wishes to do what in Vativian theatre.

Thanks to all the folks who showed up to help their friends learn how to sew tunics. It was appreciated!

Lord Lawrence Taillefer
Lord Demetrius il Codottierri

Needed for Rush (Oct. 21): A ride to Rush, for which I will provide a discount rate at Marriott and split the cost of gas. Contact Lord Jonathan Stewart for details: 682-1565

Missing: from Bonger Room Door on site Camp Hiawatha: "Chartres" sign. If you have any information concerning it's whereabouts, please contact Lady Marie Chantal 264-2729.

Congratulations to Countess Mistress Elisabeth on her recent promotion to the Order of the Laurel, and to Countess Hywela on her upcoming promotion to the Order of the Pelican.

Also congratulations to Ldy. Marie Chantal on her recent induction to the Order of the

Radiant Lioness. Also best wishes to all those Vativians who were recognized for their various accomplishments at the Kingdom and

Baronial Levels.

Baronial Officers

Baron-Sedrick von Wolfschatten
(Ted Hager).....529-2281
Baroness-Aideen the Audacious
(Jane Hager).....529-2281

Seneschal-Ldy Ceithlenn Nic Ruaidhri
(Amy Billington).....685-1182
Pursuivant-Countess Elizabeth Du Rossianol
(Lisa Mohr).....522-7670
Treasurer-Corwin McCallein
(Robert McQuillen).....683-5463
MOA-Ldy. Phillipa Lloyd de Tarifa
(Patricia Gardener).....942-1045
MOS-Aubrey Kendall of Rosewood
(Ken Snyder).....775-5075
Knight Marshall-Ldy Hrafnhildr o Llandyssol, Ldy Raven
(Lisa Day).....262-2974
Archer Marshal-Ld. Steven Egan O'Bannon
(Steven Burris).....733-1936
Chronicler-Awendolynn Morna O'Shaughnessey
(Lynne Haddaway).....262-1194
Luchistnik-Awendolynn Morna O'Shaughnessey
(Lynne Haddaway).....262-1194
Champion-Sir Earl Gabriel ap Morgan ap Hywel
(David Cooper).....685-3152
Historian-Ld. Friar Thomas Bacon
(David Moreno).....685-1182
List Mistress-Ldy. Ceithlenn Nic Ruidhri
(Amy Billington).....685-1182
MOC-Countess Hywella Frech Ferch Wyddel
(Lisa Cooper).....685-3152
Castellan-Ld. Aelfric Fritharikkson
(Allen Leddon).....267-5913